# LANCE

1983

The theme of the 1983 Lance, **Sterling Knights,** reflects the exceptional quality of life at North Fort Myers High School. As our school begins its twenty second year of existence, its exterior may be starting to show the effects of use and time, but the inner strength of its personnel and educational purpose glistens as an example of excellence throughout Southwest Florida. We are in a class all by ourselves. **We are the Sterling Knights.**

Calvin,
You walk a great guy. You're one of the outstanding kids I've met. I hope we know each other even better next year.
Your friend,
Debbie Lyn
(Debs)

Calvin,
I nice + jolly guy who is always playing jokes but is still a friend. I hope we remain friends in the future
Good Luck!
Your friend,
Donna Bradley
'86

To Calvin
One of the most
intelligent and
well mannered young
man I know. I
hope our friendship will
strengthen, Friday. Love ya Lots
Carissa

Calvin,
You're a very nice person and a great friend although since Stephanie left we don't talk that much anymore. I wish you the best of luck for a healthy and prosperous life. Good luck in all you do and may all your dreams come true.
Your Friend,
Jeanne

Calvin
Good luck in all you do and may all your dreams come true.

Cal,
Du bist
ein gut
Freund-

Sehr schön
really enjoyed
since year
you - you've really
me - be to speak ha, ha!
I dread not being able to
spend the summer with all
the joy you bring!

Jake care!
Like
ummer.

— to Cal
a alright, cool
dude. We had some
fun times in English.
See ya next year and
have a wild summer.
Good luck in Holl.

That
'86

See Ya
Stephanie
'83 Hartum

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Calvin,
Calvin, Calvin
I'm very glad that I
got to know you this
year, I always knew
you, but never got to know
you, but now I do, and I know
all around nice, courteous, and an
the future guy. Good luck in
you do and in everything
Class of (86) #1

To Calvin
You are a real
funny & crazy
guy. I wish you
all the luck in the
future. Love your friend
Julie

To a funny and
smart guy. I
hope to see in
future. Jodie

To Calvin:
A friend I do not
know. Good luck in the future.

Calvin,
Stay smart.
Stay cool. You'll
go far. Good luck.

Palmer

To Calvin
Jr. Beta Ape
Love ya more
Jr. Calvin
Love ya,
Beta Jr.

Calvin,
Stay smart
Stay cool. You'll
go far. Good luck.

Love,
Charlotte
Taylor-Beta
Eighty-Four
'84

Dearest Calvin,
Hi how are you.
It's really weird
knowing you because
you walk out your
rich. Just kidding
your a real sweet
guy. See ya next
year in French 2

Dear sweet Calvin
Well we have
gone through a whole
year together I
hope we all each
other next year!
I hope you have
a great summer! I
am going to miss
you! Love ya,
Bonnie
Brown

Rhonda
Mason

Reserve pour Mlle Cornet
et Mlle Claire de Travers

CALVIN,
YOU'RE ONE
SWEET GUY.
GLAD I MET
YOU.
GOOD LUCK
IN EVERY-
THING YOU
DO.
YOU'LE DAD

North's Knight welcomes everyone to NFMHS

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# STERLING:

Shining — gleaming, polished brightly; reflected luster and true worth.
— **The New Webster Encyclopedia Dictionary**

North High School became a living entity due to the people who inhabited her. She was more than just buildings to the students, teachers, and staff who spend the majority of their waking hours under her roof. She was an essential part of their lives.

From the moment one saw the large Knight on the front wall sending out his spirited welcome and entered onto the campus proper a feeling of friendliness and pride seemed to permeate the air. Forgotten were the effects of time and continual use on the facilities; instead one saw the shining faces of the people, dedicated to providing and receiving an education while participating in and enjoying each moment of every day.

Involvement was the key word at North. Involvement from the first moment one arrived on campus until the day drew to a close and the last light was extinguished and the final gate was lowered and locked. Involvement in gaining knowledge; involvement in extra-curricular activities; involvement in athletics; involvement in building friendships; involvement in just doing a little more than was required in order to grow into a more complete person.

The pride of accomplishment which occurred with involvement also registered on the gleaming faces of our school's population. How great it was to have a winning football season again, to get an "A" in American Literature, to help build a prize winning float for Homecoming, to wear the T-shirt and derby that identifies one as a senior, to receive the cheers and applause of one's fellow Knights for an outstanding performance on the stage. There could have been no accomplishment without the involvement; we could not have succeeded if we had not tried.

We have passed through many stages in our 22 years at North High. During our foundling years we had no traditions and had to develop our own. We survived the problem years when the stresses of society's problems encroached upon the tranquility of campus life. We met success and admitted failure as we grew and gained recognition as a power in Southwest Florida. We are the Red Knights of North Fort Myers, but the Red has taken on a new quality over the years. It has obtained a shining luster. One that reflected our true worth and accomplishments today and our dreams and goals for tomorrow. We became the **Sterling Knights.**

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**1** — Enjoying a laugh together during a quiet moment on campus were Joyce Vathis, Karen King, and Jackie Dunsmore. **2** — Dedication, pride, spirit, and cooperation made for an outstanding cheerleading squad. The 1982 Football Cheerleaders in a popular formation: **Front Row** — Connie Burke, Kim Richards, Chris Weaver, Jason Cash, Neil Jackson, Lisa Beller, Mandy Smith. **Second Row** — Ellen Ayres, Tami Griffin, Cathy Kubesh. **Back Row** — Dee Henry. **3** — Seniors demonstrated that special "Red Knight Spirit" during a football pep rally. **4** — Freshmen Jodi Palmer, Michelle Sutton, Debbie Briggs, Bret Meyers, Jodi Davis, and Lori Thomas spent time together after school painting their spirit banners. **5** — Pouring from the buses while it was still dark, these Sterling Knights were ready for another exciting school day.

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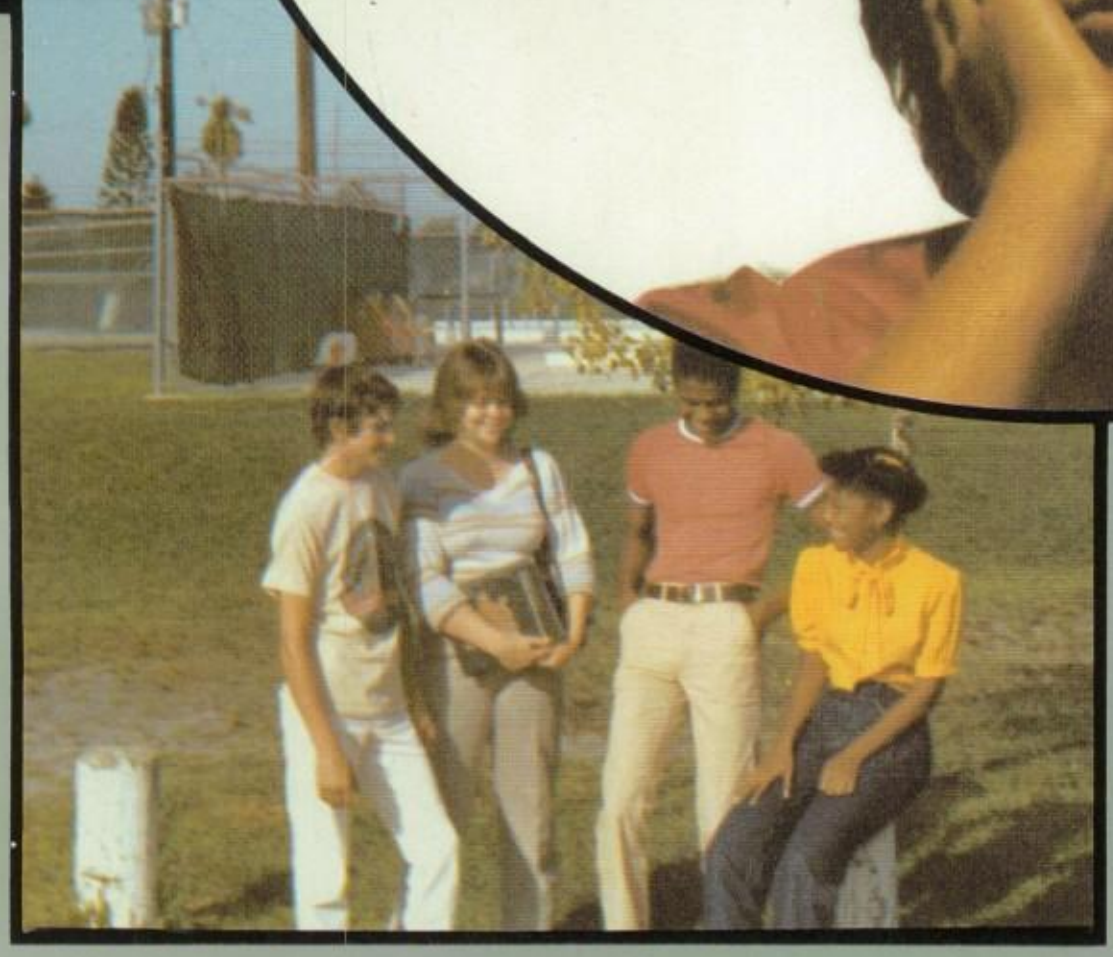

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# STERLING:

Genuine — real, authentic; pure, unadulterated; of great value or worth.
**— The New Webster Encyclopedia Dictionary**

Relationships formed the basis of our lives at North High. We needed other people and were needed by them. No one would survive here or in the complex outer world without mastering the lessons of co-operation, understanding, compromise, respect, and love. These lessons could not be packaged, readied for immediate consumption. They were learned through hard work, trial and error experiences, and continual effort.

We at North considered ourselves "family." Our colors, song, mascot, and spirit bound us loosely together but supplied an honest base from which to build essential relationships. A hand extended in friendship was seldom rejected; a smile beamed across the room was readily returned. We had the reputation of "friendliness" and were proud of it.

Everywhere on campus people stopped to exchange greetings, discuss or make plans, or just engage in friendly conversation. Age, position, or cultural differences were forgotten, what was important were mutual goals, common interests, and genuine concerns. Students found friends among the members of four classes. They discovered the faculty and staff were real people that really cared. That a teacher, counselor, or administrator willingly took extra time to really listen.

Projects and tasks that seemed overwhelming were soon turned into fun-filled activities as everyone did their share. Even a grueling mile run, a sweating 20 minute workout in the weight room, or returning at night for math tutoring were no longer a drag because they were shared by classmates.

North's teenagers faced a world of grim reality. The troubles, and problems of life could not be kept at a safe distance until education was completed and one entered the adult world. Modern communication systems brought the world and its joys and sorrows, conflicts and conquests, into the living room and classroom. The stability, honesty, and sympathy that Knights possessed when tackling these daily concerns were based on the genuine knowledge, feelings, and emotions derived from the lasting friendships developed at North.

The 1982-83 school year was filled with friends, some tall, some short, some old, some young, some white, some black, but sincere, caring individuals. Memories of games, parties, dances, and classes would someday fade, but the people, the **Sterling Red Knights** of North Fort Myers High School, would never be forgotten.

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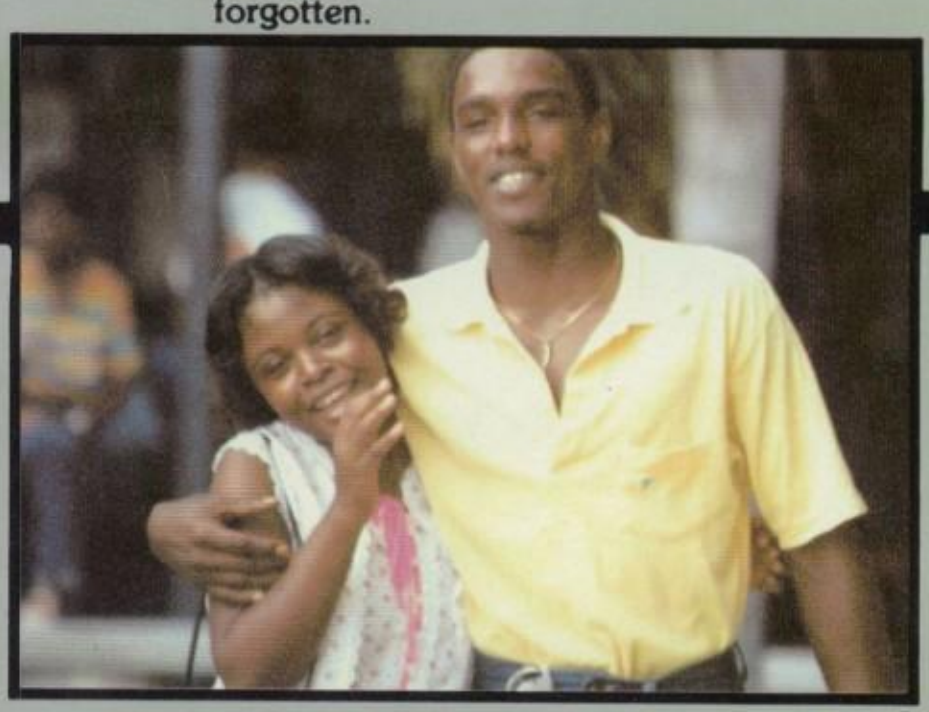

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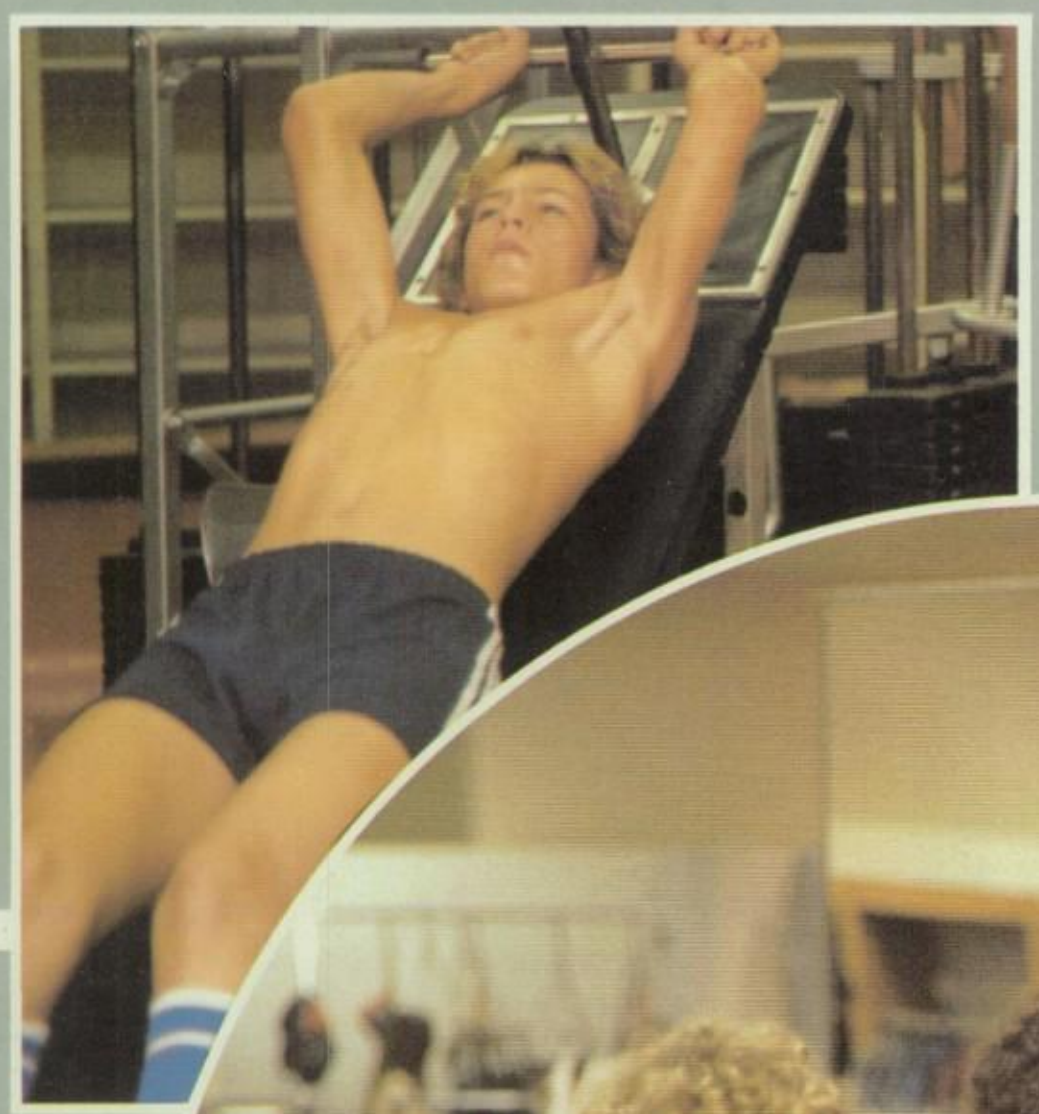
**1** — Senior Ben Houser reflected on the memories accumulated during his years at North High. **2** — Between classes, friends Del Holloway, Dorothy Roberts, Bryant Rowland, and Charlotte Green stopped to discuss their weekend plans. **3** — Giving up a Saturday of relaxation for flag corps practice were Junior Carolyn Dickerson and Sophomore Kim Adams. **4** — Students and teachers found a lot to talk about at North Fort Myers High School. Pausing for a minute under a tree were Anthony Chapman, Mrs. Mildred Perkins, William Barnes, Paula Jones, and Mr. John Yeomans. **5** — A moment of affection passed between Merlinda Johnson and Vincent Mitchell as they walked to their next class.



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**1** — Working out in the weight room, Mike Baudino built muscles and earned credit. **2** — Red Knight volunteers James Pearce and Vicki Cooley stopped at the nurses' desk for the day's assignments. **3** — On top of her duties as Senior Class President Rita Scott found time to work part time at Burdines. Training her were former Red Knight Michele Markovits and Supervisor Claudia Robins. **4** — North's JROTC Color Guard performed at many important events. Posting the colors at Graduation '82 were Cliff Ebert, Brett Johnson, Steve Pate, and Tom Hardy. **5** — Behind the goggles, working on an experiment in the science lab were Ethan Ledford and Lori Dill.

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# STERLING:

Valuable — of great merit, use, or service; highly regarded or important; held in esteem.
**— The New Webster Encyclopedia Dictionary**

Often students don't fully realize the valuable experiences and worthwhile training that can be obtained during their high school years. A wide variety of educational opportunities, both in and out of the classroom, were offered at North High to enable students to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Upon entering North, students were bombarded with tests and surveys to aid in determining their interests and levels of achievement. They were then channeled into academic and enrichment programs at their ability levels. Administrators, counselors, and teachers worked closely with students as they acquires the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to aid them in leading satisfying, successful lives as adults.

Numerous scholastic avenues were open to Red Knights. For those whose future plans called for additional education, a full array of traditional high level courses were available. AP English and AP Science were added to the curriculum so college bound students experienced university level work and gained university credit.

The Business and Cooperative Education Departments offered many "learning while earning" opportunities. CBE, DECA, DCT, and Work Experience students incorporated the skills learned in the classroom with actual, salaried experiences in local business establishments.

Introductory courses in vocational training through the Industrial Arts and Home Economics Departments caused many students to venture across town as upperclassmen to the Lee VoTech Center to receive additional training in such areas as computer technology, auto mechanics, cosmetology, plumbing, and practical nursing. On North's campus, the Little Red Knight Play School, provided a community service while students acquired child care techniques.

Through PE classes, involvement in athletics, clubs, and organizations, and courses in music, art, and journalism, students found their horizons widened, their skills amplified, and their interests expanded. Healthy bodies and alert, imaginative, inquisitive minds were needed by North's students in the complex society of the late twentieth century.

The years of our youth are fleeting but significant. The lessons learned, the experiences gathered, the knowledge acquired will be of tremendous value as we encounter the numerous problems and obstacles in our future. North High School will long be remembered and held in high esteem as the home and training facility for the **Sterling Knights.**

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**John Gibbon, Jr.**
**Allyson Jones**
**Paul Murphy**

Spirit and pride are positive aspects of student life at Nor
High.

# Student Life

If you compared the students at North High between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. they would seem very similar: changing classes every 50 minutes, going to and from their lockers, and hanging out in their favorite gathering spot between classes or during lunch. Yet if you looked carefully at them you would have found each of them and their life styles as varied as the grains of sand on Ft. Myers Beach.

During the hours students were on campus more occurred than just academic learning. Fun, laughter, and excitement often combined with the daily classroom routine to make student life a vital, memorable experience. On home game Fridays during football season, students donned in traditional red, black, and white rushed to the gym and screamed their messages of encouragement to the team. When the walls weren't shaking from the sounds of a pep rally, they often vibrated with music generated from concerts sponsored by SAC, SGA, or **LANCE '83.**

When things weren't popping on campus, clubs and organizations saw to it that trips to seminars, plays, contests, fairs, and other places were available to students. The seniors planned all year for their week long cruise to Mexico, while environment and PE classes took numerous canoe trips on surrounding waterways.

After school students followed varied paths. Some went home to hit the books, while others went directly to their jobs. Many remained on campus practicing with the band, working out with athletic teams, or practicing for school productions. A few returned to campus at night to take advantage of courses offered through Adult Education.

Weekends North students really came to life. If there weren't home games, you found Knights "cruisin' the strip," attending concerts, roller skating, relaxing at the beach, or grabbing a bite at their favorite restaurant. To support their activities many spent part of their "free time" working or looking for employment.

It was impossible for the nation's and world's events and problems not to encroach and influence the lives of North's students. The troubled economy, unemployment, global conflicts, strikes, and the tampered drug scare became items of concern as the TV and newspaper brought them into our living room and classroom. Quickly we learned that Student Life was just a small part of our bigger lives.

**1** — Pausing for a quick photograph during Prom '82 were Toni DeVito and Jeff Hess. **2** — It was a time of pride and accomplishment for Phalayda Dean when she received her diploma from Principal Ed Stickles. Meanwhile Senior Class Sponsor Fred Gebhard and Senior Counselor June Herrell located the diploma for the following graduate. **3** — Cinderella's Castle bids goodbye to afternoon visitors before preparing itself for the arrival of graduating seniors on Grad Nite '82.

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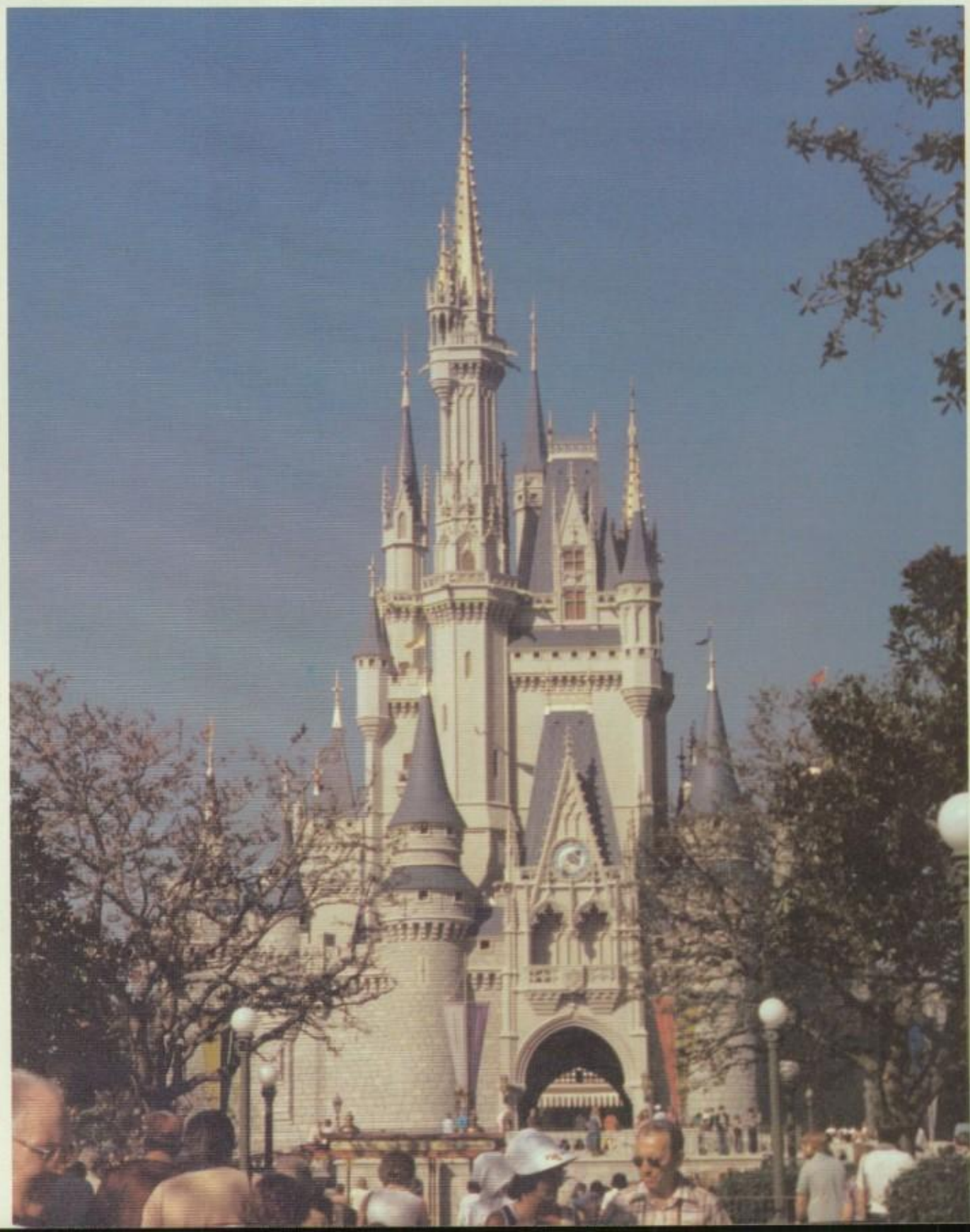

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# Memories are Made of These . . .

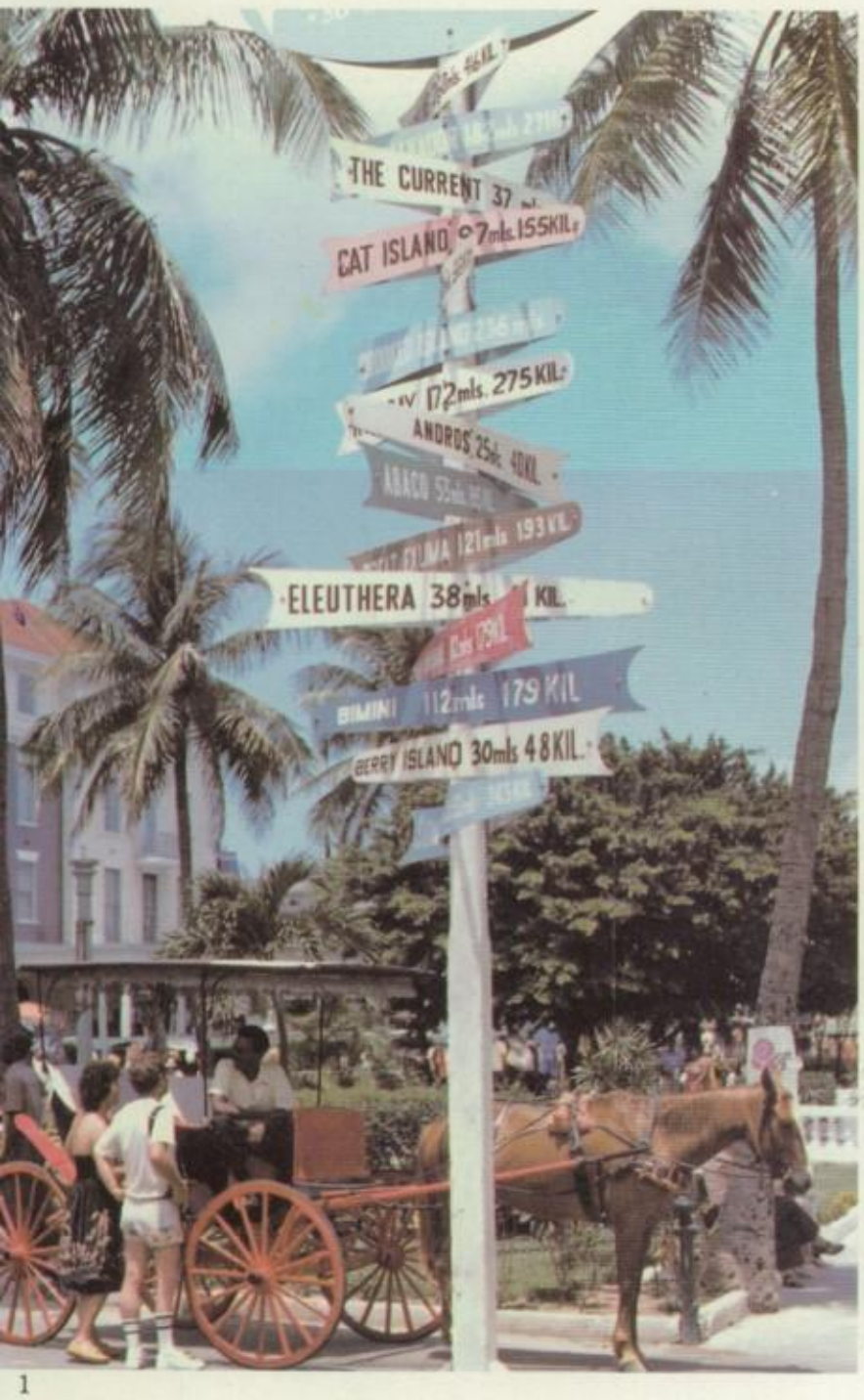
For many seniors their most treasured memories were the senior trip, the prom, Grad Nite, and graduation. These special events are relived over and over through out a North High graduate's life.

On April 8, 1982, the Junior Class of North High turned the Cape Coral Moose Lodge into a garden of "Springtime Magic" in honor of their senior classmates. Handsome Knights and their beautiful damsels danced the night away to the fantastic sounds of Zeal. Nearly 300 students enjoyed this special evening and the various private dinners and parties before and after the gala ball.

The Class of 1982 chose to head for the warm waters and tropical beaches of the Bahamas on their senior trip. April 15, they boarded the luxury line, S.S. Dolphin, and quickly forgot the cares and concerns of scholastic endeavors. The fee for the trip, $350.00, was well worth the fun and experience they had sailing upon the beautiful Caribbean. After boarding and finding their staterooms, the Knights began to enjoy the special style of life aboard this floating hotel. Deck games, casinos, disco lounges, and gourmet dining were but a few of the many diversions offered to these fun-seeking seniors.

Walt Disney's fabulous Magic Kingdom was the destination of the seniors and their dates on May 8. Leaving N.F.M. at 7:00 p.m., they arrived via their magic coaches (Greyhound buses) at the park, in time to join thousands of other soon-to-be-graduates from around the state, pour through the gates to partake of Grad Nite '82. Their previously purchased tickets allowed them free and unlimited use of all facilities. An exhausted but happy group boarded the buses again at 5:00 a.m. for the return trip to reality and home.

On May 26, 1982 the night all seniors had been waiting for finally arrived, Graduation. As the Knights donned their traditional red caps and gowns, the air at the Lee Civic Center was both festive and sad. Where had the past four years gone? What did the future hold for each of them? Graduation is a time of pride and accomplishment, it is a time of promise and anticipation, it is a time of sadness and farewells. For us at North it was time to say good-bye to the Class of 1982 . . . they have their memories of all their yesterdays in Big Red Country.

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**1** — Visitors to the Bahamas stop at the mileage marker to ask directions from a Bahamian. **2** — Browsing through the straw market in search of souvenirs are Senior Knight's Josh McIntosh, Robbie Lanier, and Monty Winslow.

# Summer Daze . . . Summer Knights

The end of the 1981-82 school year was noted with happiness and glee by North High students. Two long months of summer vacation stretched ahead of them. Two months away from the restraints and responsibilities of high school life.

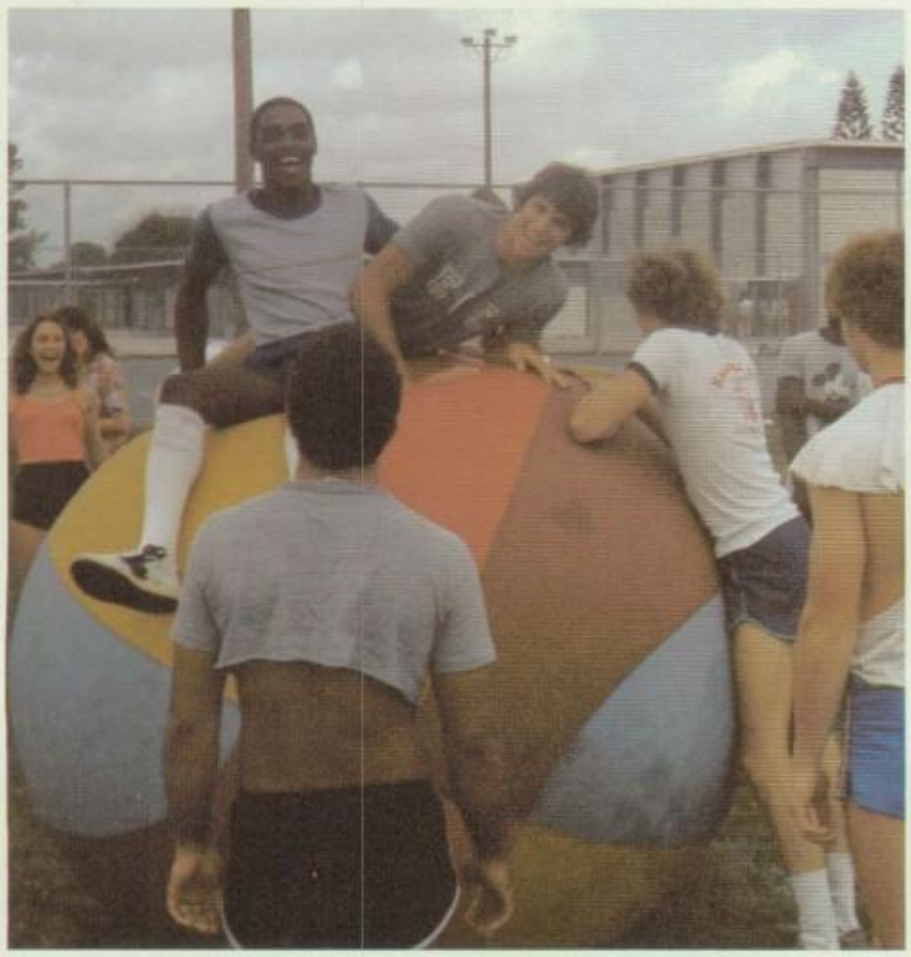
Knights spent these two months in a variety of ways. Many left the confines of Lee County and traveled to vacation havens around the globe. The World's Fair in Tennessee and camping trips in North Carolina were two of the most popular summer sojourns. Other students remained homebound, filling their days with Lee County's natural tourist attractions . . . the sandy beaches and sparkling waters. Days of sunbathing, swimming, boating, water skiing and fishing were never boring as tans were deepened and relaxation was achieved.

Summertime for many was a time of work. Money earned cutting lawns, painting houses, picking vegetables, baby sitting, serving hamburgers, or washing cars would finance the fall and winter activities at North. Upcoming seniors knew they'd really need "loot" if they were to partake in those special senior activities of the class trip, Grad Nite, and the prom.

Summer school proved to be a big part in the lives of many Knights. From 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, students could be found at North making up credits missed during the previous school years, trying out for the Marching Red Knight Band and Rifle or Flag Corps, getting rid of the P.E., the A vs. C, or the speech credit required for graduation, or selling advertisements for the **1983 LANCE.** Football players spent hours in the weight room building up their muscles and stamina for the approaching gridiron season. Groups of students traveled to Tampa, Orlando, Tallahassee, or Gainesville attending meetings, seminars, contests and training camps, perfecting skills they would use the following school year.

As summer drew to a close and the time for classes to resume drew near, students rushed around taking care of the million of things they had put off all summer. Final vacation trips, shopping excursions for school clothes, visits to hair stylists, and picnics on the beach while putting the finishing touch on their tans were at the top of many Knight's lists. For others a commitment to North pulled them back to campus early as fall sports' practices commenced a full week before the first bell sounded for all students on August 23.

The summer left Knights with many memories to look back on, but the new year beckoned invitingly. A banner hung over the cafeteria doors said it all, "Welcome Back Red Knights!" The summer of '82 was over and the 1982-83 school year was about to commence.



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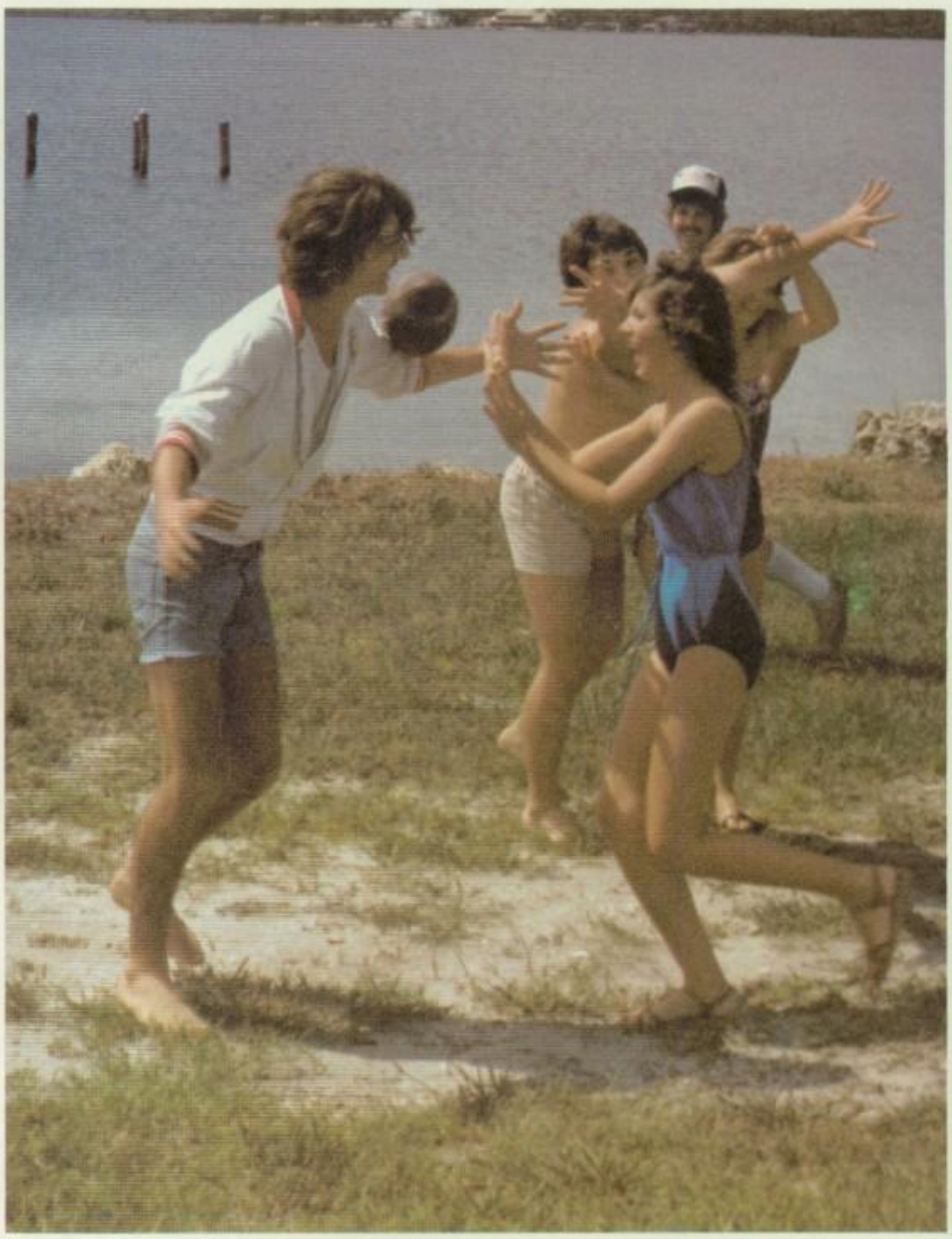

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**1** — During summer school Patty Trealout, Vincent Mitchell, Stuart Moriconi, Roger Fahrner, Steve Dahlberg, and Hezy Hemed tried their best to be "King of the Ball." **2** — Dan Williams, Tami DuBrule, Tim Sushil, Joni Jeffcoat, and Mike Cornele found football at the beach could be fun but very rough.

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**1** — An excursion to the Edison Mall found Kim Thoman, Tarsha Brown, and Shelia Garringer shopping for school clothes at the same store. **2** — Captain Mike Edwards and his crew for the day, Connie Burke, Tracy Jordan, and Troy Simons, readied the boat to set sail for a relaxing day on the water. **3** — The aqua slide proved to be a cooling splash for Jennifer Kniestedt, Allyson Jones, and Molly Brodeur.

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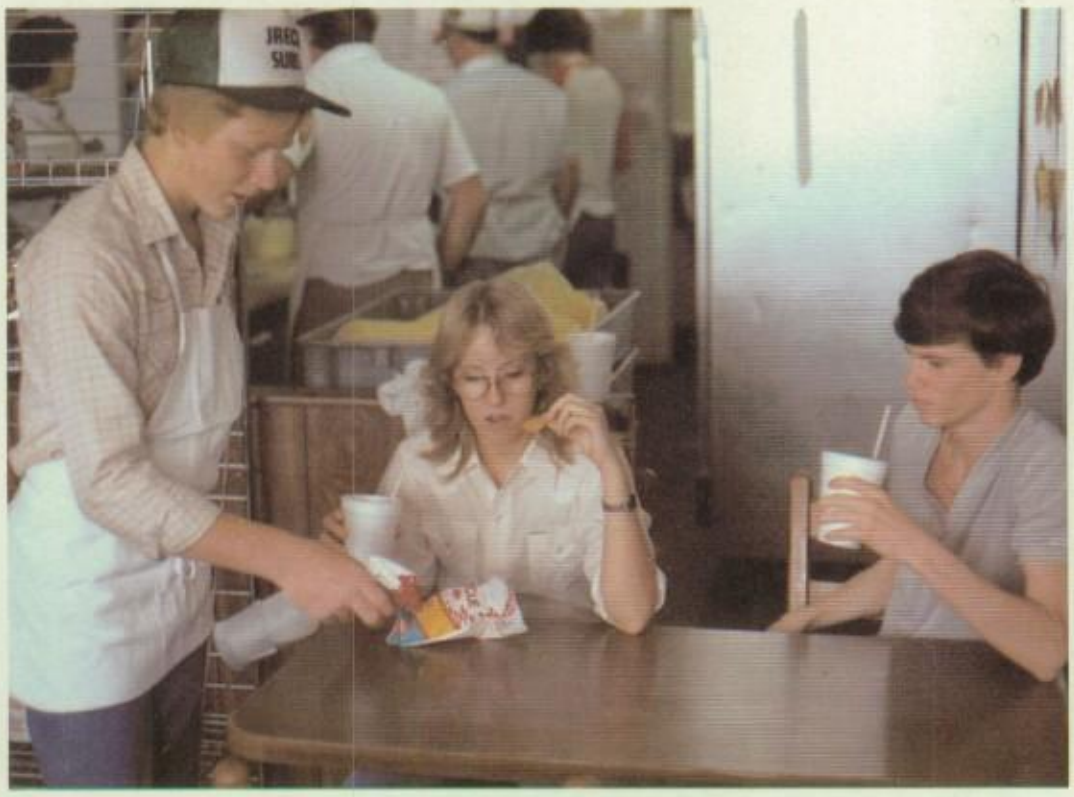
**1** — Pausing for a moment of conversation by the cockatoo's cage at Phase II are John Gibbons and his date, Kathy Johnson. **2** — David Bechtol makes sure his friends, Monica Haggard and Ken Collins, have a clean table at Jreck Subs when they stopped for a coke after school. **3** — The video games at Chuck E. Cheese drew the attention of Richard Pointke and Frank Smith during the Red Knight Band party.



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# After Hours

All people need to relax and enjoy themselves after a hard day or week of work and the students of North High School were no exception. Most of them were always ready, willing, and able to plunge right into their personal "pursuit of happiness."

The most popular place frequented by North's student population on Friday and Saturday evenings was the Palace Roller Rink. There they enjoyed the lights, music, and action of rollerskating while meeting and greeting old friends and new acquaintances. The "late skate" which lasted from 10:15 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. was especially popular with working Knights or those who wanted to top off an evening with a turn or two around the rink.

If skating didn't give one that euphoric feeling of being "footloose and fancy free," then there were 9 movie theaters available in Lee County featuring 22 movie screens all showing the latest in horror, adventure, romance, and science fiction flicks. The well known and popular "Rocky Horror Picture Show" played every Friday and Saturday night at midnight for over a year and many boasted of having seen it a half dozen times.

During the summer of 1982 the Video Game Craze exploded onto the scene. The excitement of matching wits against computers captured everyone's attention. Students became so enthralled by the noisy contraptions, that they fed the money-hungry machines one quarter after another. Many stood in line to challenge *Centipede, Pac-Man, Tempest, Donkey Kong,* and *Defender.* Although video games were found just about everywhere, many places such as the Electronic Asylum, Arnolds, and Chuck E. Cheese specialized in them.

Like all teenagers, North's populace was always hungry and in search of food. After school you found Red Knights at places like Jreck Subs, McDonald's, or Wendy's grabbing a quick bite. For that perennial favorite, pizza, Dino's, Ciro's, Allen's, and Pizza Hut proved to be favorite gathering spots for those north of the river. On important occasions, such as before the Homecoming Dance or the Prom, a more sophisticated atmosphere was necessary and reservations were obtained at Mariner's Inn, Marina 31, or Smitty's.

Moving to the beat, Knights were accompanied by their kind of music throughout their evenings and week-ends. Whether a group gathered on a street corner, a favorite hang-out, or a night club such as Phase II, it was rock, jazz, country, or soul that kept the time moving and the conversation flowing.

In school or out, North's student body enjoyed life and the companionship of their friends. With a variety of places to go at their disposal, they were never bored. They stored the memories of the good times during some of the "best years of their lives."

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**1** — Scott Brown and Cathy Kubesh purchase their "munchies" from fellow Knight, Charlene Fricke at the North 3 Theatre. **2** — 'Round and 'round they go, and where they stop, nobody knows. **3** — Connie Burke leads the pack of skaters at the Palace Roller Rink.

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Calvin,
You are one
of the nicest,
funniest people
I have encountered
here this year!
See ya next year!
See ya!
Judith
Alan

◀ The 1982 Red Knight Homecoming King and Queen
Scott Sushil and Kim Kibler

# Eye of the Knight . . .

was the theme chosen by the S.G.A. for the 1982 Homecoming celebration. This unusual title was derived from the hit song "Eye of the Tiger" by Survivor, that had been chosen earlier in the fall as the new fight song for the football team. At every pep rally and when the team scored a touchdown, this rousing tune was played by the marching band to signify victory and pride.

Homecoming festivities began Monday, October 18, as students and faculty arrived on campus dressed as cavemen, greasers, colonists, flappers, and Southern belles and gentlemen to participate in Nostalgia Day. On Tuesday, Knights had their choice of wearing a toga or a set of clothes that clashed. Many elaborated on the usual Roman look by wrapping themselves in plaid, checkered, or flowered sheets, or ones sporting the familiar figures of Snoopy, Mickey Mouse, or E.T. For the more modest participants, a clashing outfit of stripes, polka-dots, and bright colors was the rage.

On Wednesday, the dress code was Bermuda shorts. Hawaiian shirts, cameras, sunglasses and tanning oil as Knights bedecked as tourists invaded campus. Senior "Take-Over Day" occurred as well, with members of the Class of '83 assuming the responsibilities of their favorite teacher or administrator. Underclassmen, not lucky enough to "take-over," bought privilege passes for a mere 25¢ which allowed them to wear hats, report to class late, leave class early, or goof off in class.

"Oohs" and "aahs" echoed North's halls Thursday morning as legs and more legs were evident when students and staff arrived in shorts and hats for Homecoming Field Day. Breakfast was served in the cafeteria during first period and at 11:00a.m. everyone was dismissed to go to the stadium. There they found football, fun, frolic, and fantastic food provided by members of North's clubs and organizations.

Even Knights with the pickiest palates found munchies to satisfy their cravings at the numerous food booths. Old favorites such as the Thespians' hotdogs, NHS' french fries, DECA's subs, and Spanish Club's TACOs competed with the FFA's BBQ ribs, the Band's pizza, and the Seniors' hot, salty pretzels. For those with a sweet tooth the Lance's ice cream, the French Club's candy apples, and the German Club's candy were available. Pepsi sold by the Junior and Sophomore classes or a tasty orange drink served by the FHA were available throughout the day to quench thirsts resulting from the hot Florida sun.

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**The 1982 North Fort Myers High School Homecoming Court: Front Row —** Freshman Representatives Pemela Franklin and Patrick Wright, Sophomore Representatives Tiffany Touchstone and Troy Simons. **Second Row —** Junior Representatives Joseph Flinn and Kimberly Simons, Homecoming King and Queen Scott Sushil and Kim Kibler, Junior Representatives Sharon Hadsock and Kenny Miller. **Back Row —** Senior Representatives Paul Drew, Ellen Ayres, Cathy Kubech, Scott Brown, Dandria Henry, and James Giles.

**1** — Air Band contestant Kenny Miller of the Wilddogs displayed a ferocious grin during competition on Field Day. **2** — The Victorious pie eating champion, Fred Moore happily wore the signs of victory. **3** — Runners in the "Three-Legged Race" prepared for the starter's gun.

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**1** — Jon McMann demonstrated his ability and strength as he rang the FFA bell on Field Day. Watching his attempt and waiting their turn were Craig Giovannelli, Mike Cornele, Mark Flynn, Joby Gay, Joey Barley, Jeff Gage, Shawn Earhart, and Roger Fahrner. **2** — The unknown contestants at the "Gorgeous Legs Contest" attempted to gain the audience's support.

# Eye of the Knight (CONT.) . . .

The day's activities began with the traditional three-legged race sponsored by NHS. Knights hurried to the starting line to be voluntarily bound together and attempted to hobble to the finishing line in record time. Winners in each heat demonstrated their great agility and dexterity.

Action on the field then shifted to the pie eating contest sponsored by the FBLA. Clubs and organizations each entered a representative to pig-out on the chocolate pies. Fred Moore, wrestling team member, was the happy but messy trophy winner.

The traditional Powder-Puff Football contest was resumed during Homecoming '82 after overwhelming support and interest was conveyed to the administration. The Freshman team, coached by Steve Conley, and the Sophomore team, coached by Jim Cooper and James Davis, took to the field of battle first. The Sophomores claimed an easy 6-0 victory in this quarter of play. In the game between the Juniors, coached by John Pate, and the Seniors, coached by Ray Halvick, the action was more intense, with the Juniors finally securing a 12-6 victory at the final whistle. The championship game found the Juniors and Sophomores battling each other in 12 minutes of play. The Juniors demonstrated their power by trouncing the tenth graders 13-0. Fred Gebhard, Chuck Jager, and Leroy Dewey acted as officials for these gridiron stars.

A new event, sponsored by Knight Life, our student newspaper, won immediate approval from the student body . . . the Air Band Contest. Students organized imitations of their favorite rock bands and performed to taped recordings of these groups. The winning group which included Lisa Beller, Ellen Ayres, Casey Hauger, Christy Boring, and Raedene Turoc, interpreted John Cougar's "Hurt So Good" to the thunderous applause of the crowd. Second prize went to Darrel Davis, Lori Hayworth, Cindy Summerall, and Lynn Truskey for their interpretation of "You Don't Want Me Anymore" by Steel Breeze. A group called "The Wilddogs" composed of Kenny Miller, Richard Ratliff, Tim Deno, Mike Maloy, and Brad Neidigh captured third place. Their costumes and rendition of "Godzilla" by the Blue Oyster Cult was a tremendous crowd pleaser.

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**1** — Royal members of the 1982 Homecoming Court relaxed upon their float after the parade, well guarded by the JROTC Color Guard and North's Red Knight. **2** — Linda Smith led the 1982 Homecoming Parade as the mighty Red Knight.

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Following the Air Band competition, DECA members took over the stage and posed and danced their way through an impressive style show. The newest fads and trends in fashion were put on display courtesy of Chess King and Lerners.

The Second Annual "Gorgeous Legs" contest sponsored by LANCE '83 occurred next. Contestants, both males and females, hid their identities by wearing McDonald Bags over their heads as they displayed their gorgeous lower extremities to the judges and the cheering crowds. After several elimination rounds, the finalists were selected and their legs were again paraded for the judges, Pat Radomski, Nancy Ward, and Carolyn Ludwig. Kenny Miller walked away with the five dollar prize the second year in a row.

The final field event was the Obstacle Course sponsored by the Spanish Club. To be proclaimed the winner, a team of four had to complete the course in the shortest period of time. The winning team with a time of one minute and fifty-five seconds, consisted of Raymond Denson, Carl Smith, Chris Savarid, and Willie Green.

By 1:30p.m. the exhausted but happy Knights staggered to their buses or cars. A few volunteers remained behind to clean up the debris after a full day of fun that would remain in everyone's memories for years to come.

All through the week the large windows around campus had begun to sprout colorful figures and slogans as class artists created their entries in the annual Homecoming window painting contest. Friday morning the winners were announced and the Class of 1983 took first place honors for their artistic rendition of a powerful Red Knight standing triumphantly over the body of a fallen Naples' Eagle. Second place went to the Juniors for their drawing on the library window of a charging Knight stopping an Eagle who had tried to steal the "Eye of the Knight." The Sophomore class captured the third place prize as easily as their victorious Knight had captured his prize — the Eagle.

Fridays were traditionally everyone's favorite day of the week because they marked the beginning of the week-end and Homecoming Friday was no exception. Knights donned in the traditional red, black and white, sported huge Homecoming spirit ribbons to proclaim their support for the team in the upcoming gridiron battle. After fourth period students were dismissed to the stadium to view the Homecoming Parade, pep rally and class skits.

The parade, under the direction of Ms. Peg Flaherty and the Spanish Club, consisted of about 60 units separated into three divisions: motorized, wheels, and walking. First place in the motorized division was won by the FFA for their Red Knight Stomping Ground float while the DECA float was awarded a second place ribbon. The faculty of North High captured the first place award in the wheels division as they traveled the parade route on scooters, bicycles, tricycles and wheelchairs. The Sophomore Class won

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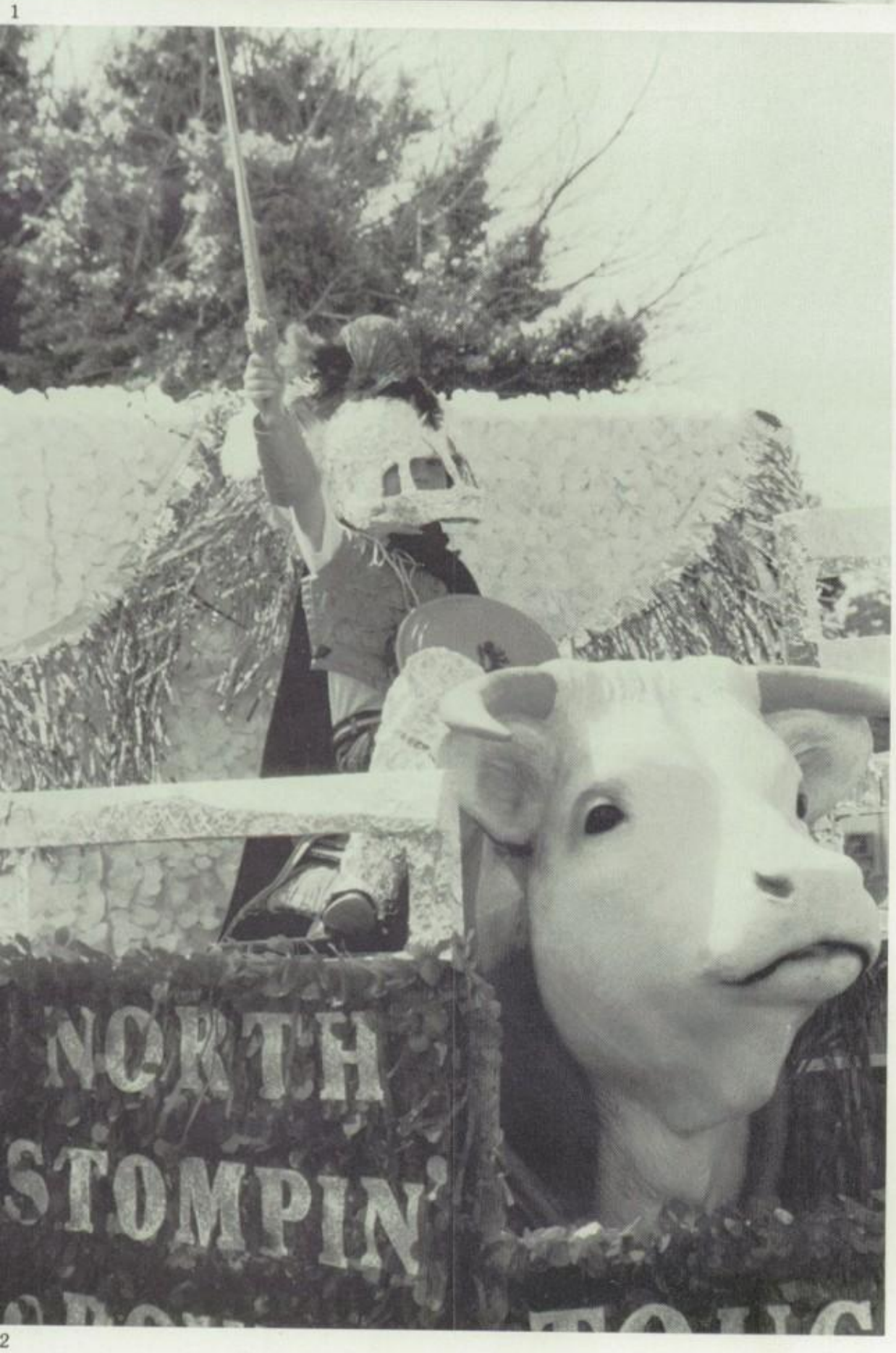


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**1** — The Junior Class Float forecasted a Red Knight victory over the "plucked" Naples' Eagles. **2** — Linda Walker, Marie Smith, and Barbara Peterson entertained the crowds and won first place for the Youth Advisory Council in the Walking Division. **3** — Little Buddy Gay proclaimed the Red Knights were #1 on the FFA prize winning float.

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**1** — Pleasant conversation laced with laughs occupied Sherri Sullivan's, Mike Greenwell's and Josh McIntosh's time when they weren't on the dance floor. **2** — Couples at the Homecoming Dance enjoyed a "slow dance" laced with a "little romance."

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**1** — Two members of the Homecoming Court, Sharon Hadsock and Kenny Miller, enjoyed a moment on the dance floor. **2** — Jerry Williams had words and eyes for only his date, Christine Tillie. **3** — Swinging out were Red Knights Robin Oropallo and Chris Weaver.

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# Eye of the Knight (CONT.) . . .

second place in this division. In the walking division YAC students costumed as food and clowns were awarded the blue ribbon, and second place was given to the Spanish Club.

Skits and cheers dominated the traditional Homecoming Pep Rally. For the second year in a row the faculty skit walked away with top honors and the highly cherished spirit stick. Who could top their prediction of hairless coaches if North defeated Naples that evening.

Homecoming festivities began at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening, an hour before game time. The winning floats and the Homecoming Court were displayed as they circled the field. While the Red Knight Band furnished the music, the court gracefully moved across the field to take their places on the home side. Dave Giompalo, SGA Sponsor, introduced them to the evening's audience.

Finally the moment of truth arrived. With a flurry of trumpets and a roll of drums, the 1982 Homecoming King and Queen were announced. They were Scott Sushil and Kim Kibler. Tears, screams, and flashbulbs exploded as the '81 King Greg Sweeney and Queen Kristy Frazier crowned the new royal pair.

An exciting evening of football followed as the Knights fought valiantly to upset top ranked Naples. The final score of Naples 20, North 13 was a disappointment, but the fans cheered as the Knights left the field for they recognized the courage, determination, pride, and sportsmanship of these dedicated young men who wore the red and black.

Despite the gridiron loss, the spirits of the proud Knights could not be diminished. The following Saturday evening, starting at 8:00p.m. students gathered at the Elks Club in downtown Fort Myers to dance the night away. Rock, soul, country, and punk music was cranked out by D.J. Mike Ray to keep everyone satisfied and on the dance floor. At midnight, the music died and everyone scurried to their favorite late night restaurant for a bite to eat before turning home to fall into bed completely exhausted after a hectic week.

Homecoming 1982 would be long remembered as a time when all North students showed their pride and spirit. Whether by dressing up, painting windows, buying spirit ribbons, cheering at the Powder Puff games, watching the parade, or engaging in any of the other countless Homecoming activities, it was a time of involvement. As we recall those exciting, hectic days, we know the spirit of the Sterling Knight showed through the "Eye of the Knight."

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**1** — The "Dummy" does all the talking while the cast listens. **Front Row:** Paul Murphy, Teri DuBrule, Mark Arlington, Ricky Rumph, Ellis Baumer. **Back Row:** Marie Schoonover, Carolyn Dickerson, Phaladya Dean, Andrea McCrea, Diane Brazill, Curtis Thomas. **2** — Diane Brazill and Ellen Ayres sing the enchanting lyrics of "By My Side" to Tim Bass, who played Jesus. **3** — Paul Murphy clearly tells the audience he doesn't want anyone to mess with him. **4** — The audience cheered when Joe Fortini and Curtis Thomas really got into their parts and shook Teri DuBrule by the neck.

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# Under "God's Spell"

"Five minutes 'til showtime!" No one fully understands the emotions these four words induce in a person, unless they have experienced the thrill or agony of opening night. On March 25, 26, and 27, 1982, 18 Red Knights bravely faced their fears and expectations when the Drama Club and Lance '82 presented "Godspell." The actors and actresses sparkled as they performed the one-time Broadway musical based upon the Gospel of Matthew.

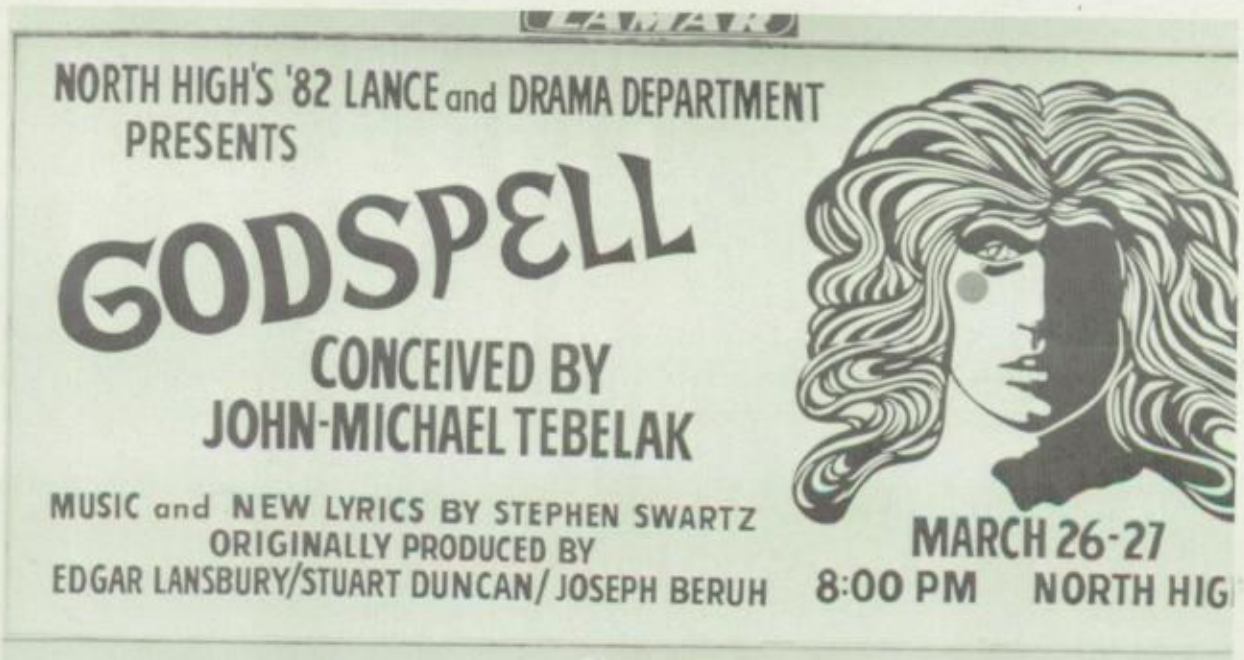
This was the first time that the North High Drama Club had presented a musical with a religious overtone. It proved successful with both the student body and the community. The characters, dressed in wild costumes jumped about with unbounded energy while singing and dancing to such lively tunes as "Day by Day" and "We Beseech Thee." The show had its touching moments as well, with the beautiful "By My Side" and poignant "On the Willows."

Ms. Andrea Getzlaff and Mr. Keith Stark assumed the responsibilities of director and instrumental music director, guiding the cast, crew, and musicians in achieving their potential excellence. Mrs. Virginia Branson, Lance Adviser, acted as producer and saw to it the show was financially successful.

Tim Bass portrayed Jesus and Mark Arlington played Judas, the man who was his friend but later betrayed him. The others in the cast included Ellen Ayres, Ellis Baumer, David Bechtol, Dianne Brazill, Molly Brodeur, Phaladya Dean, Carolyn Dickerson, Teri DeBrule, Joe Fortini, Andrea McCrea, Robyn Maker, Paul Murphy, Lori Pastirik, Ricky Rumph, Marie Schoonover, and Curtis Thomas. The musicians included Dan McCarthy on bass guitar, Marilyn Newman on piano, and Keith Stark on drums.

Hard work was the key factor to "Godspell's" success. The cast practiced everyday after school and on weekends. This continuous effort paid off when they received standing ovations at each of their five performances.

"Godspell" provided many people with a heartwarming experience they will not soon forget for they had seen a small part of God's love for man. The cast of the show will always remember it as a sparkling, special time, for they were under "God's spell."



The **"Godspell"** cast and crew pose in front of their billboard. **Front Row:** Lori Dietz, Michele Markovits, Kim McCook, Ricky Rumph, Robin Makar, Phaladya Dean, Curtis Thomas, Ellis Baumer. **Second Row:** Ray Van Ryckeghem, Paul Murphy, Joe Fortini, Diane Brazill, Lori Pastirik, Teri DuBrule, David Bechtol, Molly Brodeur, Marie Schoonover, Carolyn Dickerson, Andrea McCrea, Scott Luders. **Back Row:** Tim Bass, Ellen Ayres, Mark Arlington.

# On With the Show

"And our next act is . . ." This familiar phrase was heard countless times at North High as two talent shows were produced.

In the spring of 1982, the Forensics Club sponsored the "Not-So-Talented Show." This show was held to raise money for graduating senior Parrish Hill's trip to San Francisco, California to represent North High and the state of Florida in the National Forensics League Competition. Parrish had become eligible for the trip by winning first place in the state competition doing a humorous interpretation.

The show began with Parrish's prize winning piece, "Green Pastures." Afterwards several "talented" and "not-so-talented" people performed. Students danced, sang, acted, and demonstrated their gymnastic ability to try and please the audience and win a prize. Sonya Merritt received first place for her gymnastic routine to "Nadia's Theme." Margie Kitchen got second for singing a jazzed-up version of "Amazing Grace." Third place was grabbed by a band called High Society, made up of Red Knights Andy Howard, Chris Presnell, Todd Hughes, and Steve Hudson. They jammed out to the popular rock song "Freebird." A "not-so-talented" award wa[illegible]tured by John Prickett for his impersonation of Elvis Presley with a 12 inch ice-pick protruding from between his eyes.

On September 10, 1982, The Drama Department produced their annual dinner show, "Knights in Lights." A delicious spaghetti dinner was served and then the guests moved to their "show seats" for a dazzling evening filled with talent. Although no awards were given, performers as well as the audience enjoyed a night of multi-faceted entertainment.

Thespians produced their fall play "Lights Out" on October 27, 28, and 29. Besides the two standard evening performances, this suspense comedy was performed for the North student body in the morning and for Dunbar, Caloosa, Gulf, and Suncoast Middle School students in the afternoon. Audiences felt the strong suspense build as Mrs. Agnes Harwood, portrayed by Monica Haggard tried to solve the mystery of a voice in the dark and the disppearance of one of her guests. Other cast members included Debbie Briggs, Lori Pastirik, Mark Arlington, Kenny Collins, Pam Volk, Dana Berry, Steve Callari, Patti Talley, Tonya Becker, and Sean MacDonald. The production crew consisted of Sheryl Miller, Joe Fortini, Jason Cash, Steve Callari, and Molly Brodeur.

These three productions reenforced the knowledge that Red Knights are indeed talented people. So dim the lights, open the curtain, and bring on the next show . . . the people at North were always ready to be entertained!

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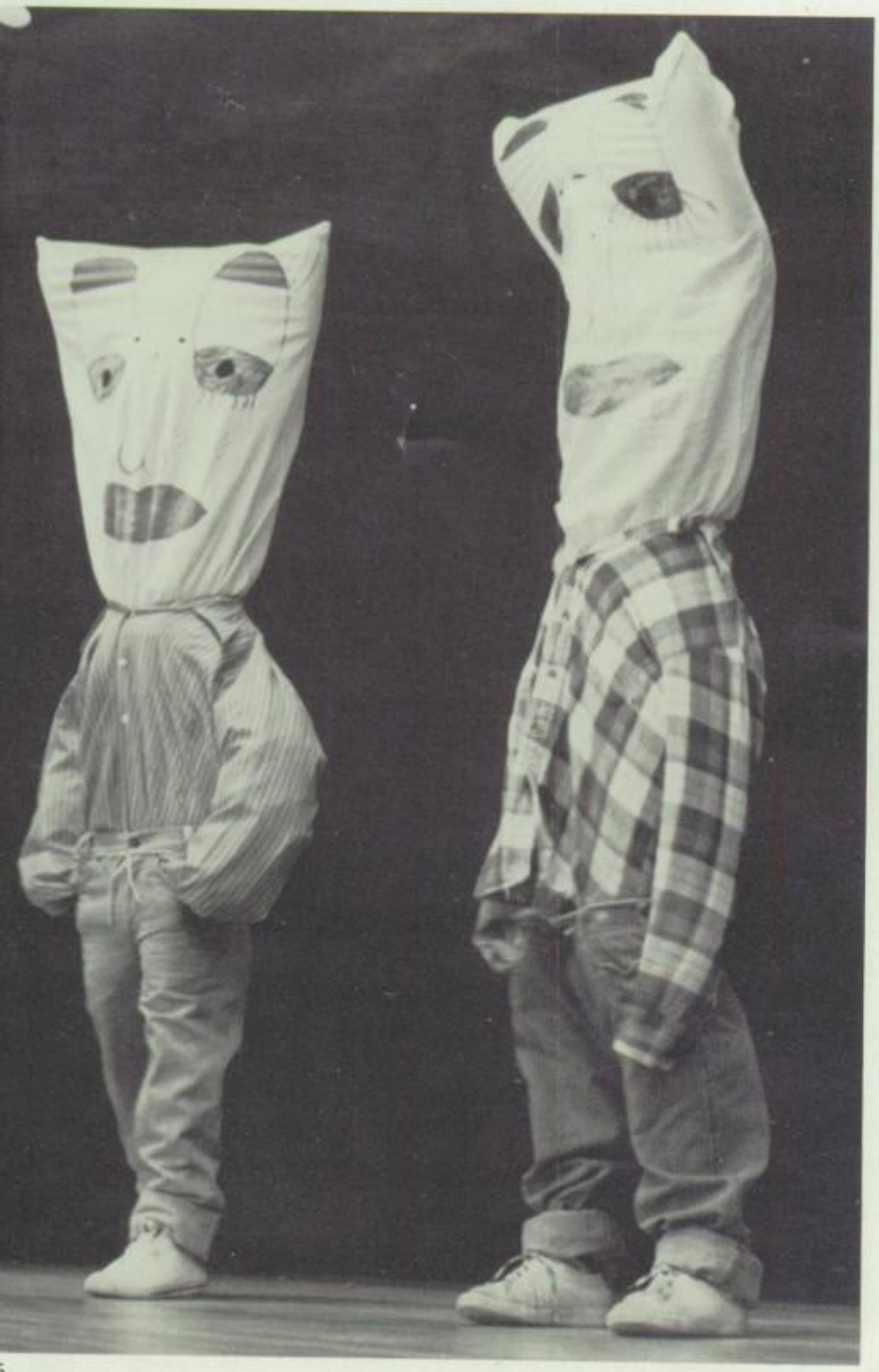

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**1 —** "Dance This Mess Around" by the B-52's played while Paul Murphy and Casey Hauger gave a lesson on how to "punk out." **2 —** Caught with their pants down were Steve Callari, David Bechtol, and Jason Cash. **3 —** During an intense scene of the fall production "Lights Out," Patti Talley, Steve Callari, and Dana Berry are shown deep in concentration. **4 —** Lisa Beller caught in the camera lens during her reverse strip act in the talent show. Instead of taking off her clothes to music she put them on over her bikini. **5 —** Adored by the audiences of both talent shows were the Dancing Little People: Lisa Coman and Monica Haggard. **6 —** "Sneakin' around with you . . ." Neal Jackson and Tim Bass, performed their version of Dolly Parton and Burt Reynolds roles from the movie "The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas."

**1** — Time out was taken by Chris Lindenmuth when he grabbed a few more winks of sleep on a bench before the first bell rang. **2** — Mrs. Virginia Cassell welcomes bus arrivals like Jeannette Tanner each morning with a ready smile. **3** — The biggest decision of the day was whether to leave the coziness of one's bed. The decision seemed to be harder on Monday mornings. Tami DuBrule contemplated the day ahead before making a decisive move.

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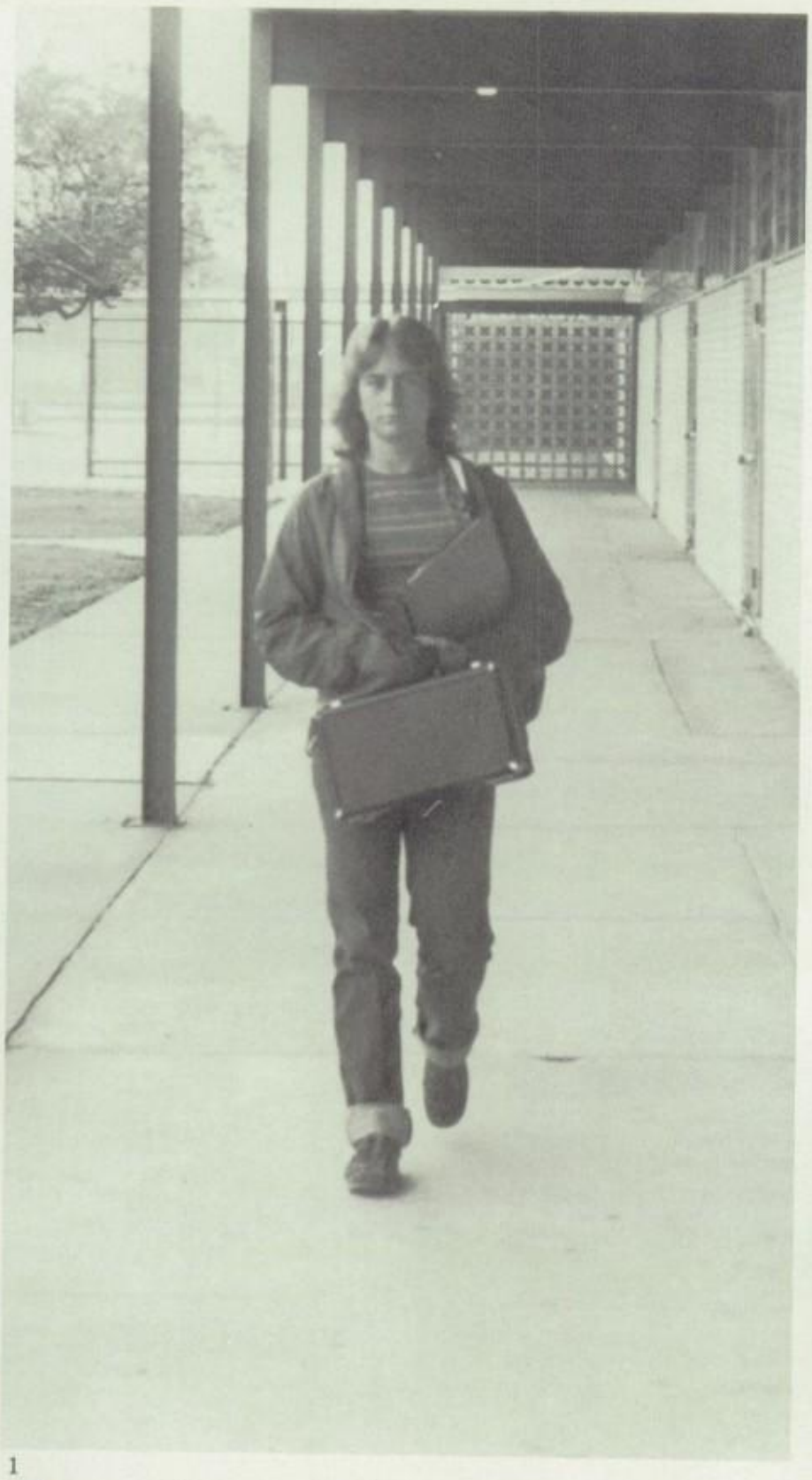

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**1** — Diane Heinkel, one of the many early arrivals wandered the halls in lonely solitude. **2** — Wende Hughes found it hard to concentrate during class while Steven Steiner, Gene McMullen, and Darin Gardner succumbed to sleep, finding class a bit heavy for an early Monday morning.

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# Monday Morning Blues

With the shrill ringing of alarm clocks, students were pulled back into the world of reality and the dismal realization that it was another Monday morning. Forgotten were the exciting memories of the past weekend, instead thoughts of unfinished homework or an impending test crowded in on the consciousness and brought on the "Monday Morning Blues."

It was 6:00 a.m. and the world was dark, dismal, and comparatively quiet. Some succumbed to their reluctance to face the problems and challenges of a new school week and slipped back into blissful sleep, others dragged themselves from the coziness of their beds, more fearful of an unexplained tardy or absence.

Panic struck as some students realized it was already 6:15 a.m. and they had to shower, dress, eat breakfast, and make it to the bus stop in less than 20 minutes. This anxiety would not be eased until they stepped on the bus. After that, the matter was out of their hands and they could doze or daydream as someone else delivered them to North High.

For those who drove to school new concerns surfaced. Traffic jams, red lights, car troubles, or gas gauges hovering on empty, all conspired to make the seconds pass more quickly and the 7:30 a.m. bell loom nearer.

A few hearty souls always managed to appear at North before the sun rose. These students, usually dropped off by parents or friends on their way to work, wandered the silent halls or laid down on the benches to catch a few extra winks.

No matter how students rushed, Mondays always seemed disastrous. Long lines formed outside the Deans' offices as their secretary, Sonya McDaniel, listened to tales of woe and wrote out late-passes to homeroom and first period. A quietness prevailed even among those who had made it on time. Eyelids fluttered, heads dropped, and yawns escaped as announcements were made and attendance taken.

Mercilessly, teachers took no notice of the students' predicament. Assignments were piled on, lectures commenced, and tests administered. Even though many complaints could be heard we all knew we would survive the unavoidable "Monday Morning Blues."

**1** — All dressed up with no where to go . . . but to class were John Knight, Kathy Prickett, and Laurence Lee. **2** — "Isn't he cute?" Leslie Motter asked Kevin Chalmers, as they laughed at the funny alligator wearing a shirt with a human on his pocket.

# Fashion Plates and Trend Setters

The "in" looks — mini-skirts, leg warmers, pleated pants, prairie skirts — were all available for the asking . . . and the money. For many items the price was high, but students somehow managed to continue to turn out in style, their style. For at North High fashion was left up to the interpretation of each individual.

The most popular apparel item was still jeans. Students wore them whether they were brand new, dark indigo blue or old and faded. For many, designer jeans were still the rage. Names like Jordache, Sergio Valente, Calvin Klein, Gloria Vanderbilt, and Pierre Cardin appeared across back pockets. For others the traditional good fit and fine quality of Levi and Lee were valued.

For girls it was the year of the revived mini-skirt. Popular in the 60's, the mini was brought into the 80's. All over campus more and more female Knights began to show more and more of their legs. Accented with head bands and new wave jewelry, the mini-skirts often had matching shirts and were worn with leg warmers of similar or contrasting colors. Leg warmers also appeared with pants of all kinds, especially when a chill appeared in the morning air. Footwear with these fashion fads varied as some turned to low heeled leather shoes while others sported spiked high-heels.

Florida's subtropical climate brought instant popularity to Op, Lightning Bolt, and Off Shore sunwear. These colorful, lightweight, versatile types of apparel were neat and casual, yet cool and comfortable, thus enhancing the active North High life style. Another popular sportswear item at North was Izod Lacoste shirts and sweaters. Like its competitors, Izods came in a bright array of colors but had that popular little Florida alligator on the front.

The western look maintained its popula ty in North Fort Myers. Levis, cowboy boo and western shirts for both sexes remain standard campus attire. The Prairie Loo an old fashioned skirt with a ruffled lace b tom hem and matching blouse gained popularity with both country and city girls.

Hats at North High were prohibited e cept on special days designated by Princip Ed Stickles. On these occasions the ha were filled with visors, baseball ca painters hats, ten-gallons, and the tradition senior derbies. Some students even let w fashion go to their heads with stuff lobsters or frogs attached to the top of th head gear.

Whatever students wore, be it N Wave, Western, or Preppie, it was alwa worn with style . . . that special North Hi Style!

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**1** — David Manookian and Bobie Hall were seen on the tennis courts, all decked out in "Op" sunwear. **2** — Caught up in the miniskirt craze Allyson Jones, Marie Schoonover, and Jennifer Kniestedt showed off the latest style. **3** — The western look was alive and well at North High. Tiffany Touchstone paused for a moment's conversation with Red Knight cowboys Joby Gay and Craig Giovannelli.

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**1** — Their "4 wheels" may only be roller skates, but they made Kathy Hupp's and Karen King's world go around. **2** — Amy Austin and Paul Murphy were awed by the luxury of a Delorean as they sat in this dream car of their future. **3** — Four-wheeling played a big part in the lives of some Knights. It gave them a chance to get a little wild and muddy. Racing through the water were Craig Giovannelli, Blaine Touchstone, and Mike Cornele in their prized trucks.

# On The Road Again

Wheels, wheels, wheels . . . made most teenagers' world go round and round. North High's teens were no exception. From the time of infancy students dreamed of the time they would own their personal set of wheels.

As they grew their dreams gained larger proportions. First they settled for a tricycle or scooter, then a bicycle, but always they envisioned more. Skateboards and roller-skates were all right for recreation but to get around, to give their lives momentum they wanted the four wheels of a car or truck.

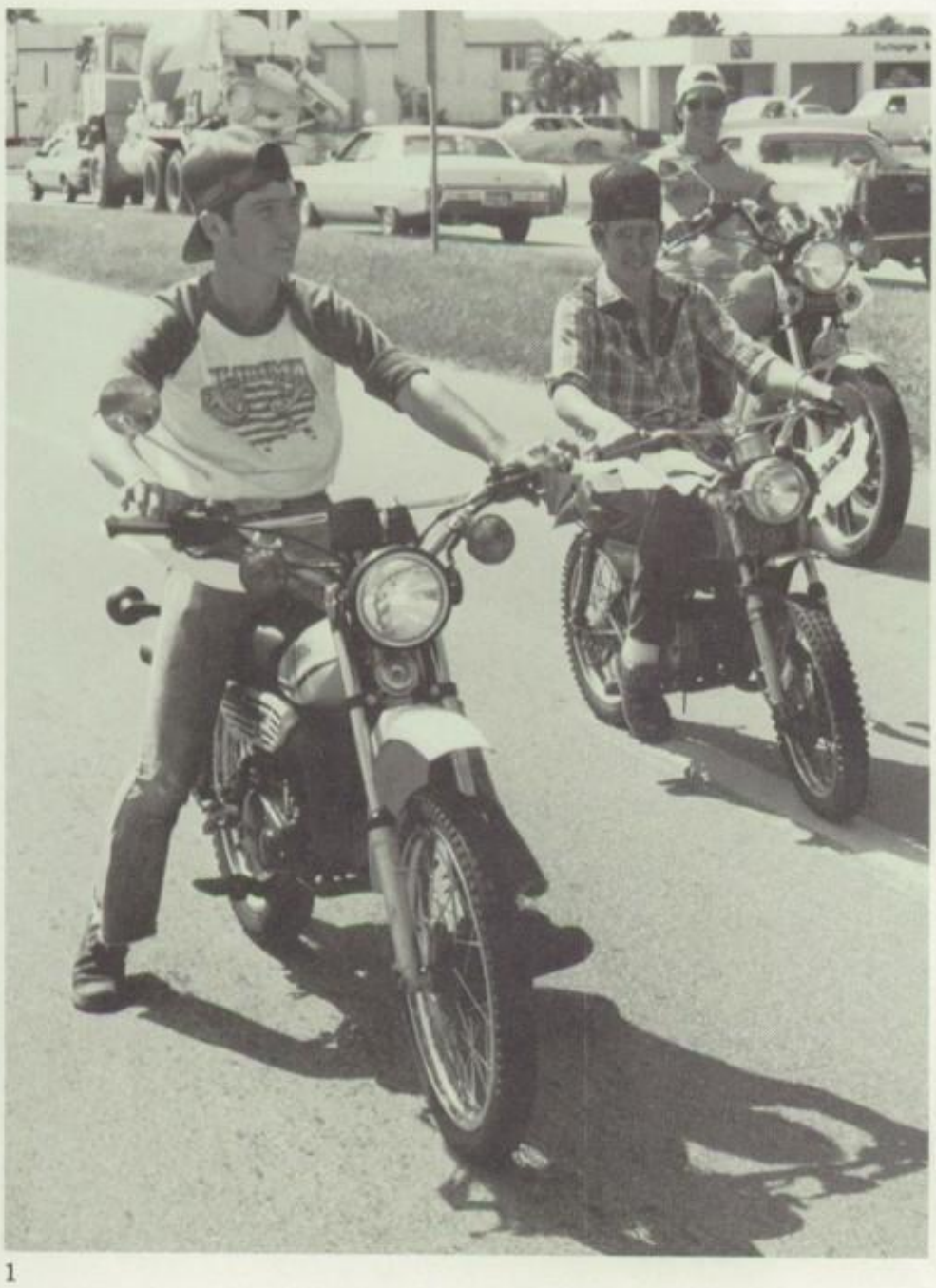
They saved as they dreamed, working after school, week-ends and vacations in order to accumulate that down payment. Usually they had to settle for less than that dreamed of Harley Davidson, Porsche, Corvette, or 4-wheel drive truck, but old or new, fast or slow, their acquisition beat walking and the day they took possession of their "wheels" was the greatest day of their lives.

Each new vehicle owner learned some monetary facts quickly. Wheels COST! Monthly payments, repairs, and insurance premiums often added up to more than the weekly pay check, and the cost of gas, oil, and new tires, sidelined their transportation more than once.

Driving back and forth to school offered some students new problems. Friends always wanted to grab a ride on the back of the cycle or "really needed" a ride after a club meeting, a practice, or just to get out of riding the dreaded school bus. Parking could also be a drag. To get in the student parking lot you needed a sticker, cost $2.00. Parking anywhere else was unauthorized and you chanced getting your car towed away or at least a detention from the deans.

Each student owner personalized his wheels in some way or another. Dice, tassels, roach clips with feathers or other trinkets decorated rearview mirrors. Bumper stickers and personalized plates proclaimed personal messages. Helmets, saddle bags, or paint jobs proclaimed individuality.

It wasn't always possible to escape the problems of student life and growing up . . . but Knights on wheels found it easier. With the wind in your hair, a friend by your side, and wheels beneath you, the problems of today and tomorrow seemed very small and unimportant.



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**1** — Joel Corbin, Johnny Young,and Cliff Ebert showed off their wheels during the Homecoming Parade. **2** — Red Knights, lucky enough to have their own cars, pulled into the student parking lot to begin another school day.

# The Game We Call Love

Love — that warm and wonderful emotion that makes you tingle from head to toe, gives you the feeling you can move mountains, and then causes you to spend a great deal of your time daydreaming or doodling two names on a piece of paper. In the halls of North High, young love was found everywhere; boys escorting their "best girl" to class, couples walking hand in hand or sneaking a quick kiss behind the lockers.

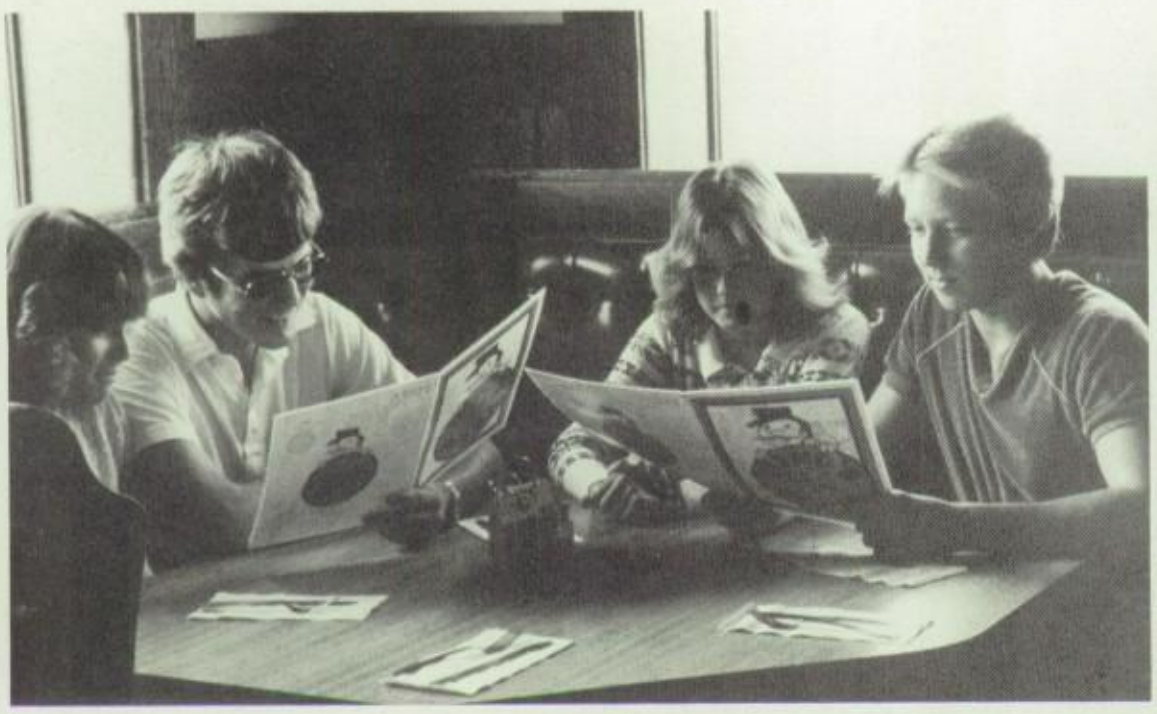
Although an "anti-affection" policy was begun on campus by the administration during the 1981-82 school year, many couples preferred to ignore the rule. For many teens, the only place they could see their "true love" was at school. Hand holding was just not enough for these couples. Dark spots behind lockers or the back side of the Science building made perfect places for secret, more affectionate meetings. Of course, there was always the danger of getting caught, but many students were willing to take the risk for these more affectionate moments.

Leading to and accompanying this "game of love" was the very popular pastime of dating. There was no set formula; a normal Friday or Saturday night found Knights all over Lee County at a movie, the bowling alley, the skating rink, the beach, or a favorite eating spot.

Getting a date wasn't always easy. Even in these days of women's lib, the girl usually had to wait until the guy took the first step and asked the girl out. Then he had to worry about scraping enough money to pay for the evening. With gas selling for $1.18 per gallon, movie tickets at $4.00 a piece, and Big Mac's costing $1.31, a simple evening could completely annihilate a twenty-dollar bill.

Even when she finally got "that special date" the girl was not without her worries. A lot of young ladies, even in this modern age, had to secure their parents' permission to go out with "him". Questions such as: "Where does he live? Does he have a car? Is he a good driver? Where are you going? Are you doubling with anyone? Who?" seemed to be endless, and when the interrogation ended with, "O.K., but be home by midnight" the problems didn't cease. The girl had a multitude of decisions to make concerning what to wear, how to fix her hair, what to talk about, and how to make him think she was really tremendous.

When the big moment finally arrived, both Red Knights forgot their worries and reservations and went out to have a great time and to get to know each other better. Maybe this was the beginning of that "Big Romance"!



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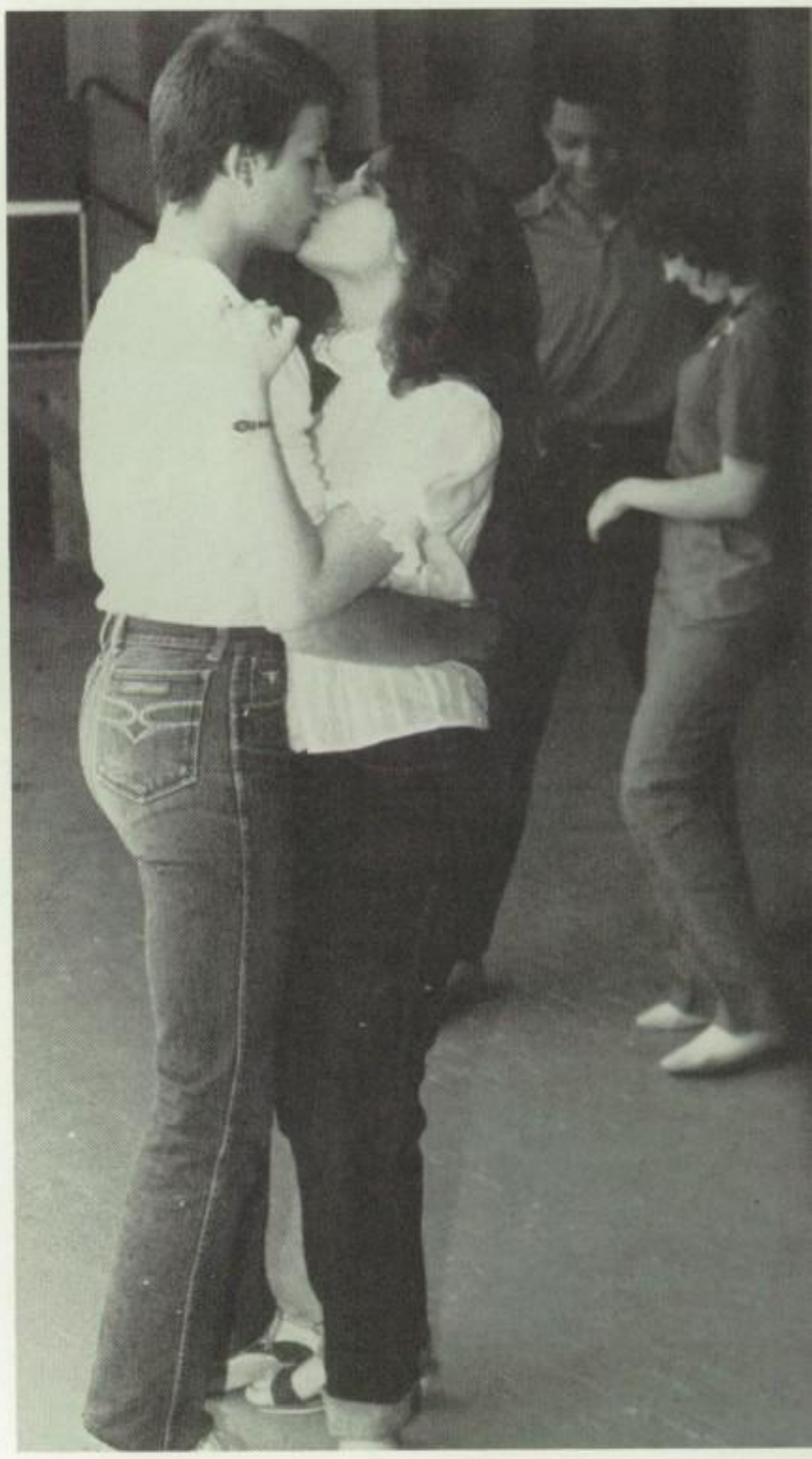

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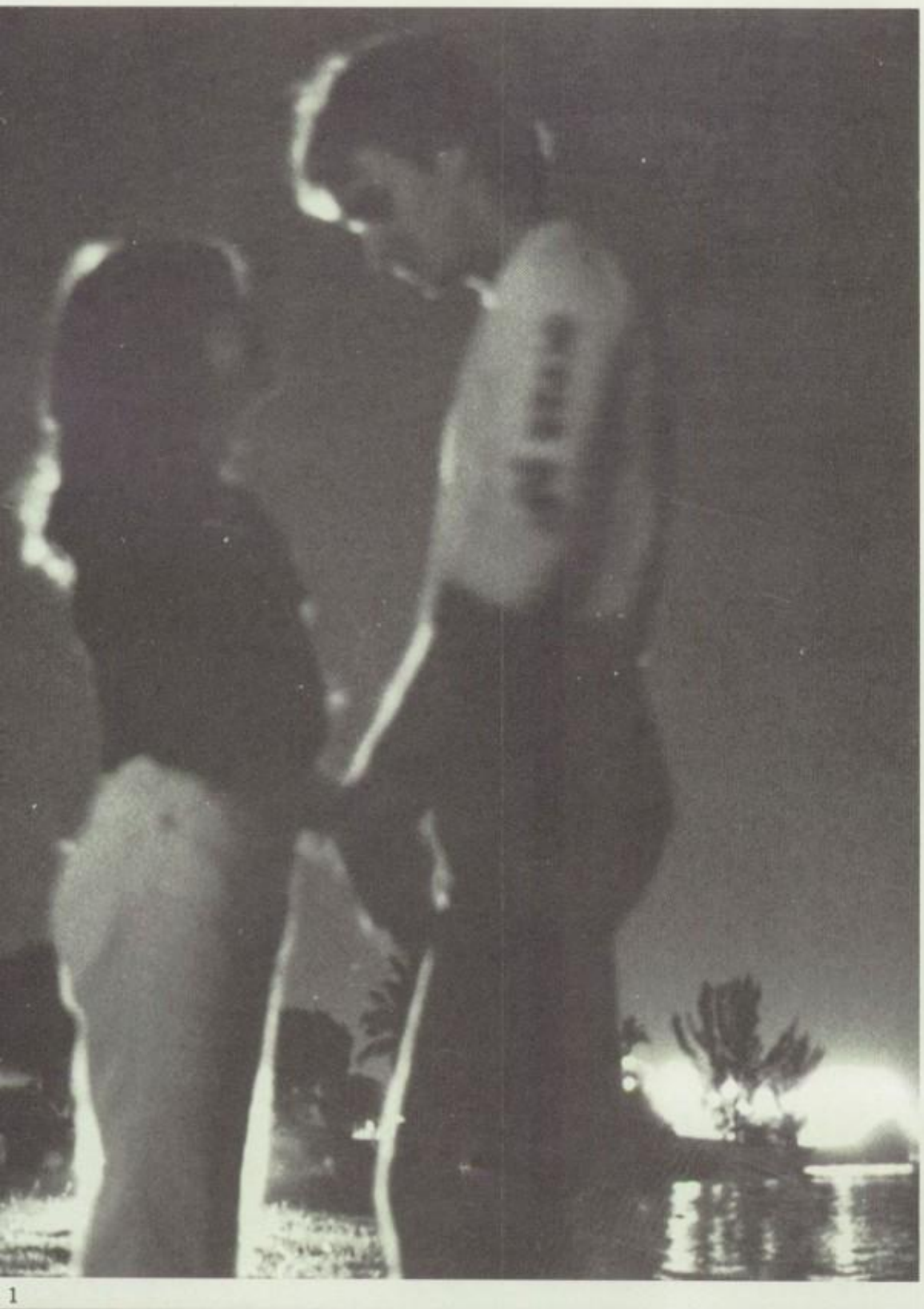
**1** — Getting together for a bite to eat at Dino's Pizza were North students Kelly McConnell, Mike MacDonald, Debra Morrison, and James Pearce. **2** — The photographer caught "A little love to the beat" on the dance floor between Robert Metcalf and Debbie Hills.



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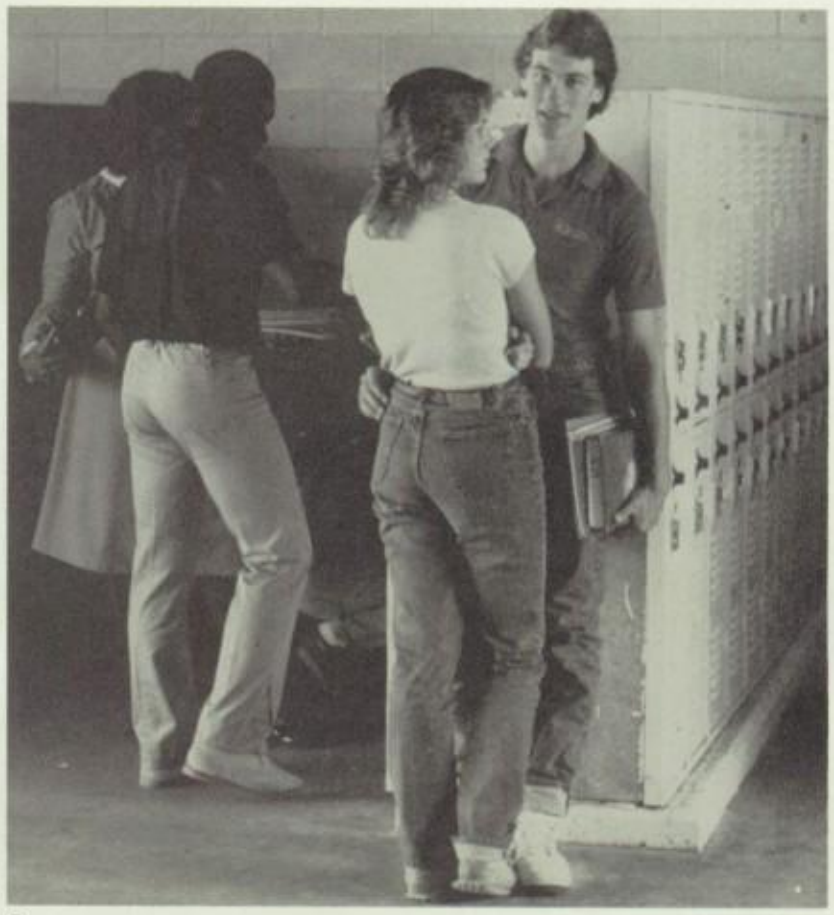
**1** — Moonlight and the sound of waves breaking on the shore make a romantic setting for a young couple to dream of their future. Amy Austin and Dean Norris pause for a moment by the Caloosahatchee. **2** — The few short minutes between classes give an opportunity for love to bloom on campus. While Terry Reed helps his girlfriend Andrea McCrea with her books, Sandy Hassenzahl and Brad Neidgh spend the time saying good-bye before going to class. **3** — Pausing for a minute of conversation between skates are Manuel Cox and Joyce Deaver.



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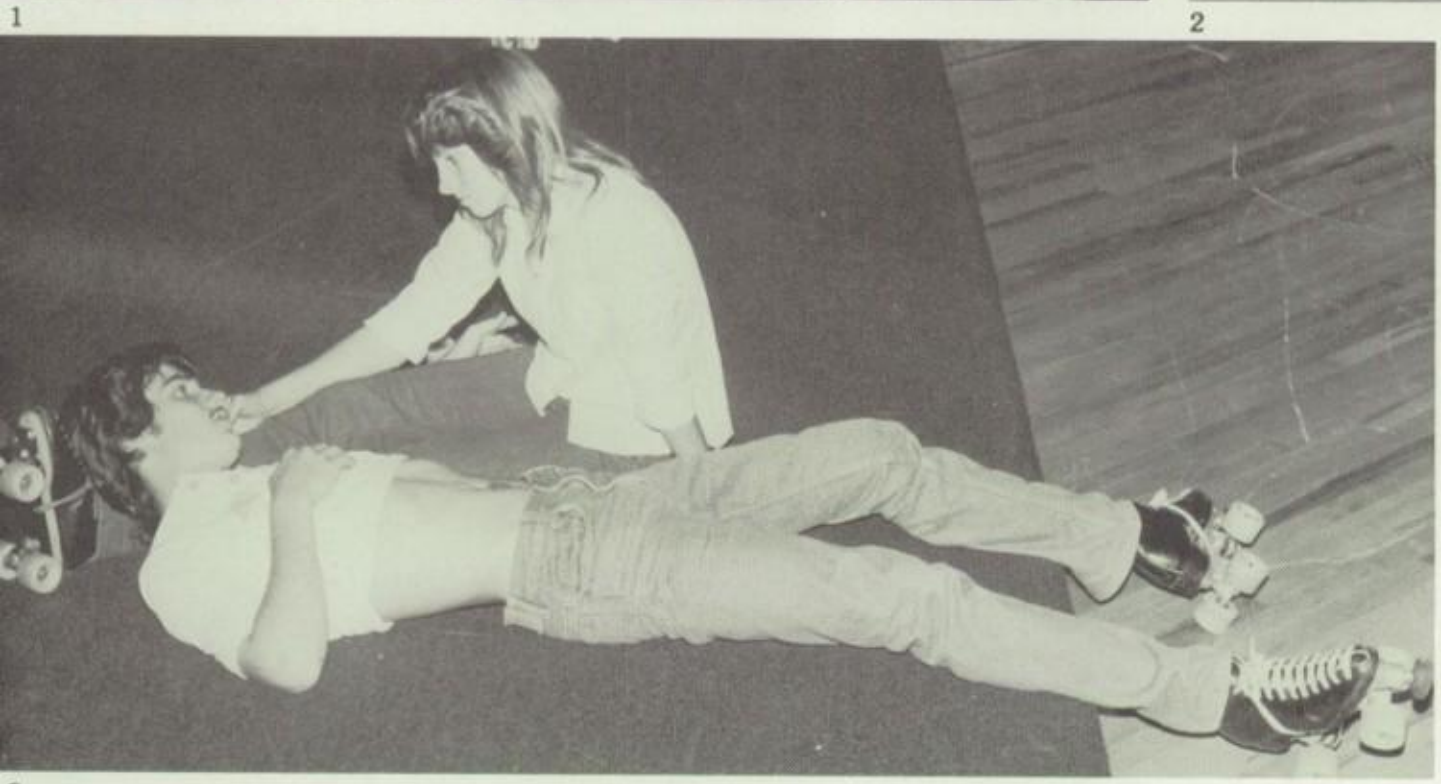

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# All In The Family

At North High students and staff bragged about belonging to the "Red Knight Family," but have you ever wondered what it would be like to have a member of your "real" family with you on campus every day? A brother or sister to share classes or ride the same bus; a mother or father to instruct you in science or English; an aunt or uncle who played on the same athletic team. Only those Knights who lived these "two family" worlds knew what it was really like.

As with any issue having relatives at school had its good and bad points. Siblings who shared the same classes could help each other with homework or when studying for tests. They could also assist each other in explaining grades, school policy, or school problems to parents.

After school activities proved to be great opportunities for brothers and sisters to share common interests. Many clubs and organizations attracted siblings who worked and played side by side. Sports also attracted brother and sister combinations. The swimming, football and baseball teams all boasted of family combinations.

Students with parents as staff members had some advantages as well. Transportation to and from school wasn't a problem and who could count you tardy and issue a detention if Mom or Dad was late to school also. Students with a parent doubling as their teacher could easily get help on a difficult homework assignment from the primary source.

However being labeled "teacher's pet" or slipping to the old familiar Mom or Dad in the classroom was often embarrassing. Plus with a parent on campus one had to be on their best behavior all the time to ensure their parent wouldn't hear of their escapades in the teacher's lounge or an administrative office.

Having a brother or sister on campus sometimes proved to be a curse instead of a blessing. Underclassmen, whose sibling had proceeded them, often found themselves being compared, particularly if the brother or sister had been a superior student or a nuisance. It wasn't easy to get away with skipping a class or a whole day with a sibling sitting in the same class, sharing the same locker, or knowing the same people.

For most Knights having a family member on campus with them was a real asset. They could share an important part of their lives with someone who really knew and understood what it was all about. Others felt it cramped their style, they couldn't be the "real" them with a relative always around the next corner.

Whatever the viewpoint, it could not be disputed that being a member of the Red Knight family was more of a fulltime position for some of North's people than others.

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**1** — Members of the Coman clan, Lisa, Michelle, Laurie, and John found the long trip to the bus stop was never boring when you had someone to talk with. **2** — Glenn and Mark Bitter knew where the North Bank was, in their Mom's office. Mrs. Marie Bitter, secretary to Principal Ed Stickles felt like she was constantly doling out the dollars.

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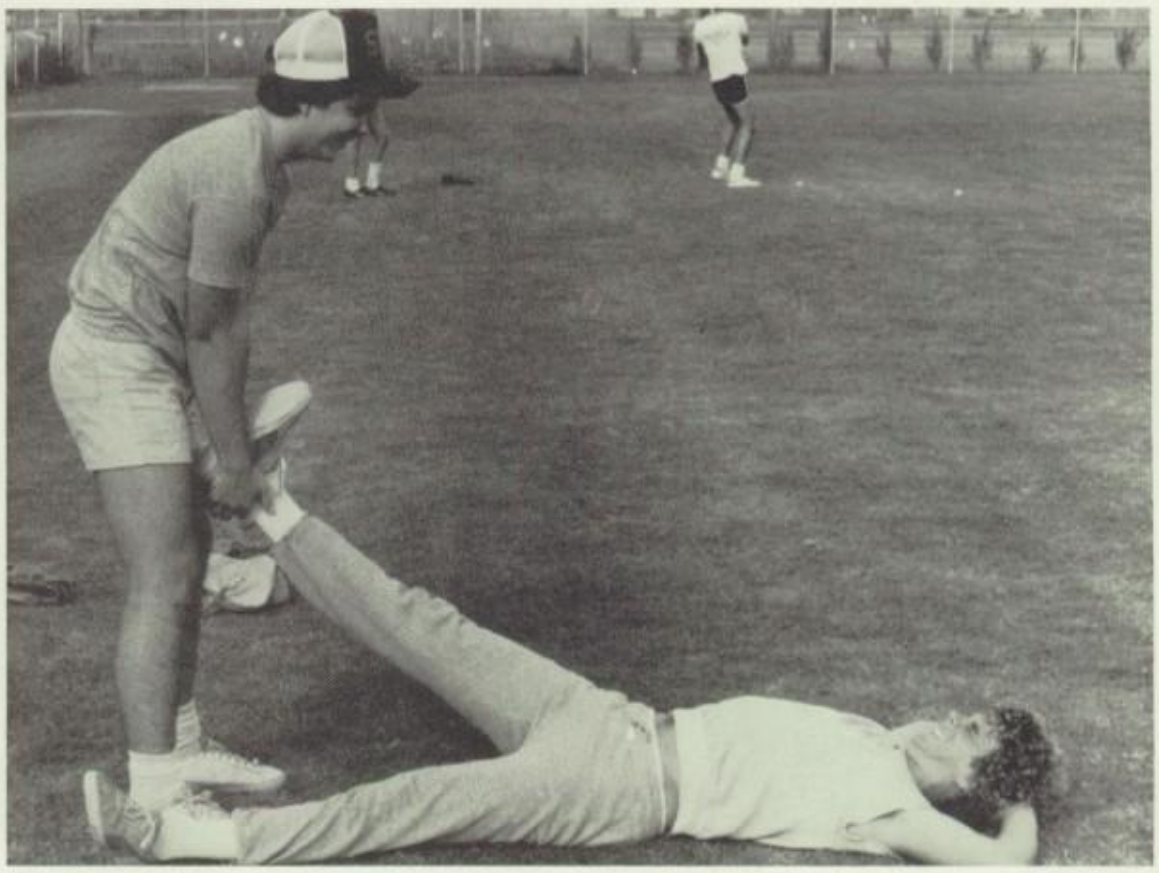

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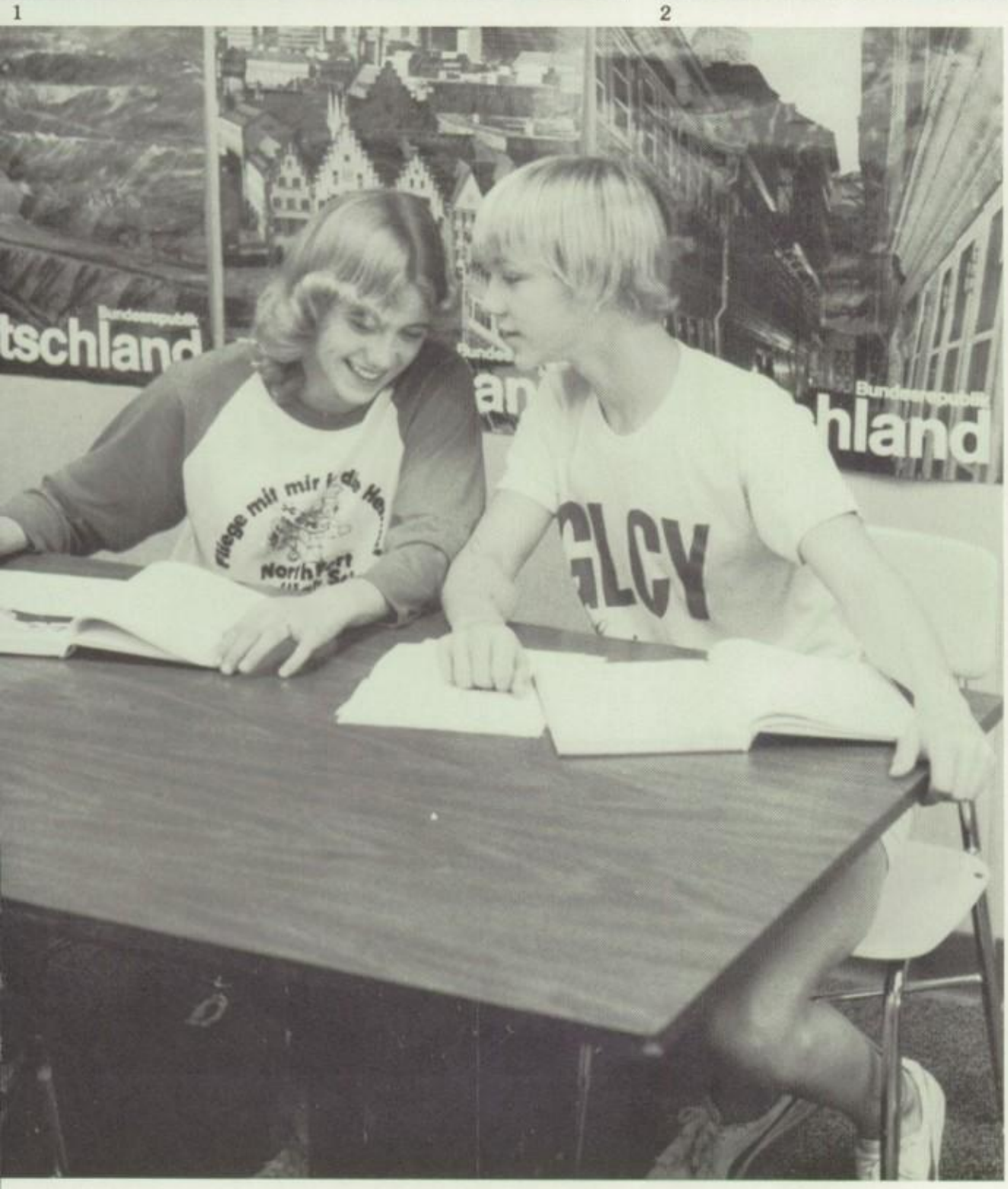


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**1** — Like images in a mirror, twins Ginger and Gina Robertson and Sue and Kim Clouse had fun confusing their classmates and teachers. **2** — Varsity baseball players Tim Sushil and Scott Sushill teamed up to work out kinks in their muscles before spring baseball practice. **3** — Michelle and Scott Sutton found studying German together helped improve accents and grades.

**Favorite Rock Band**
Van Halen
Journey
AC/DC

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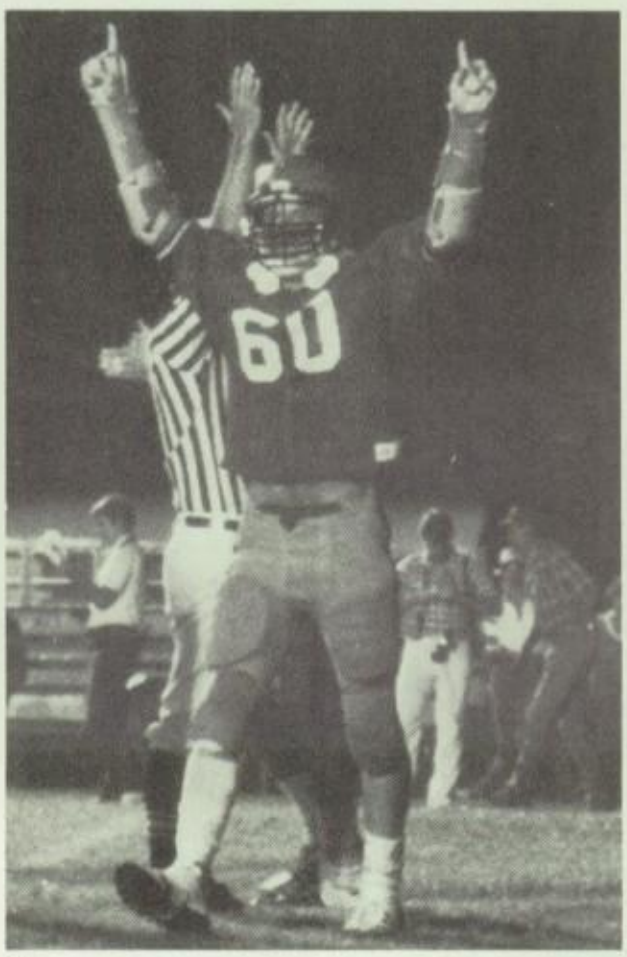
**Favorite Beverage**
Pepsi
Coke
Jack Daniels



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**Favorite Sport**
Football
Baseball
Basketball

**Favorite NFL Team**
Dallas Cowboys
Pittsburgh Steelers
Tampa Bay Bucs

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# The Best of North High

Everyone had their favorites, whether it was a food, a sport, a TV show, or a type of music. Knights got a chance to express their preferences in twenty-two categories when the **LANCE '83** staff conducted a student survey.

Results were often surprising. North High students long identified by their "country" or "red-neck" influence, voted for rock, not country, as their favorite music. During the winter, Burger King launched a series of nationwide commercials which stated the Whopper was the better burger, yet it was McDonald's which won the favorite fast food restaurant title. The Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburgh Steelers walked away with the 1-2 spots in the favorite pro-football competition, leaving Florida's Tampa Bay Bucs and Miami Dolphins shut out with third and fourth place standings.

Many expected winners also surfaced. E.T. came out on top as the favorite movie, Pac Man as the favorite video game, and Magnum P.I. as the favorite T.V. show.

The following are the categories surveyed in the First Annual Red Knight Poll with the winners listed in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place order.

**1. Favorite Participation Sport**
Roller Skating
Baseball
Volleyball

**2. Favorite Video Game**
Pac Man
Donkey Kong
Centipede

**3. Favorite Food**
Pizza
Steak
Lasagna

**4. Favorite Female Celebrity**
Loni Anderson
Bo Derek
Valerie Bertinelli

**5. Favorite Male Celebrity**
Tom Selleck
Burt Reynolds
Scott Baio

**6. Favorite T.V. Show**
Magnum P.I.
Knight Rider
Square Pegs

**7. Favorite Soap Opera**
Guiding Light
General Hospital
The Young and The Restless

**8. Favorite Movie**
E.T.
Porky's
Halloween II

**9. Favorite Kind of Music**
Rock
Country
Soul

**10. Favorite Radio Station**
97 Rock
95 WYNF
WHEW 101.9

**11. Favorite Car**
Mustang
Porsche
Corvette

**12. Favorite Magazine**
Seventeen
Playboy
Teen

**13. Favorite City**
North Fort Myers
Fort Myers
New York

**14. Favorite Place To Go On A Date**
Movies
Beach
Out to Dinner

**15. Favorite Department Store**
Burdines
Maas Brothers
Lerners

**16. Favorite Style of Clothes**
Jeans
Dressy
Casual

**17. Favorite Brand of Jeans**
Levis
Jordache
Lee

**Favorite Restaurant**
McDonald's
Wendy's
Burger King

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**1** — David Lee Roth, Alex VanHalen, Eddie VanHalen, and Michael Anthony of North's favorite rock group, VanHalen. **2** — Like the majority of Red Knights, Sandy Hassenzahl, Reggie Bronson, Jimmy Williams, Todd Lake, and Lynn Wrendridge had the "Pepsi Spirit." **3** — Gridiron Knight Richard Whitney signaled by the touchdown that North was #1 and the student body's favorite spectator sport was football. **4** — A true Dallas Cowboy fan, Janis Cottrill proudly showed off her team paraphernalia. **5** — Chowing down at North's favorite restaurant, McDonalds, were Eric Hopson, Ron Reis, Lyle Raymond, and Jimmy Macha.

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**1** — Total Force, a part of the United States Air Force Band, let student Teresa Roof and faculty member Nancy Solberg get into the act during their 1982 performance. **2** — John Cougar, at his Lee County Civic Center appearance, drove the crowds wild with his style and showmanship. **3** — Chris Presnell, Todd Hughes, and Andy Johns, members of the group High Society, warmed up for their upcoming set. **4** — Wild costumes and dynamite voices brought the crowd to its feet over Huey Bryant and Mike Beaber of Sweet Revenge. **5** — Mark Ursetti and Kevin Wambolt jam on guitars during a rock concert in the gym.

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# Sweet Sounds of Rock

Rock music played a big part in the life of an average high school student. North High Red Knights were no exception. Students spent thousands of dollars on albums, tapes, stereos, speakers, radios and tickets to concerts in order to listen to their favorite rock groups. Even at school, students got to enjoy rock music. During the 1981-82 and 1982-83 school years, several rock bands came to perform at North High.

During the 1981-82 year, Total Force, an Air Force band, presented an unusual show courtesy of the Student Government Association. Audience participation played a large part in their performance. The lead male singer picked a lucky female and crooned "Feels So Right" by Alabama in front of a cheering crowd. Then the female singer got into the act by choosing Band Director Keith Stark to serenade with a love ballad. A student, Teresa Roof and a teacher, Nancy Solberg, were picked to be tambourine girls for the band during a medley of popular songs.

Inkenbrant appeared in the gym later in the school year. This group also known as Passenger, had a top 40 hit by the same name. Hailing from the Fort Myers area, they had performed in various local night clubs and lounges around Lee County. Seeking recognition by local teens, they donated their time to present this concert of mostly pop rock.

On October 6, 1982, three rock bands entertained courtesy of the **83 LANCE** staff as part of their yearbook sales promotional campaign. Sweet Revenge, Shakin, and High Society, each basically a hard rock band, played a 15 minute set. Sweet Revenge appeared first playing such favorites as "Ain't Talking 'Bout Love." Ruben Garces and Kevin Wambolt both former Knights were members of the band, Shakin. Students yelled and cheered while they played popular hits such as "Hurts So Good." The last band, High Society, was made up of Red Knights Todd Hughes, Andy Johns, Chris Presnell and Doug Lempke. Former Knight Andy Howard was the leader and drummer for this group. The band played several hard rock songs such as "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Eruption." After their initial set each band was allowed to play a five minute encore.

For Red Knights rock music was not restricted to off campus life. The administration realized that Rock and Roll was a permanent aspect of today's youth culture and rather than banish it, they helped to keep it alive and well at North Fort Myers High School.

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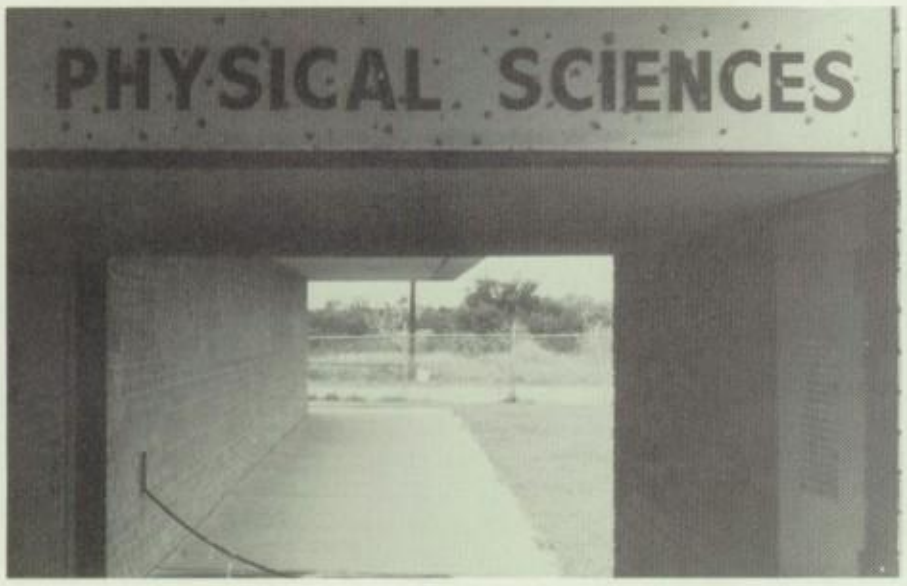
**1** — Even out-of-reach places were not safe from student's malicious mischief as one of the signs at the Science Building became decorated with gum. **2** — School rivalry played a big part in vandalism at North High, as when the Fort Myers' Green Wave proclaimed they were #1 in our locker area. **3** — The latest romances could easily be discovered by reading the restroom walls and mirrors.

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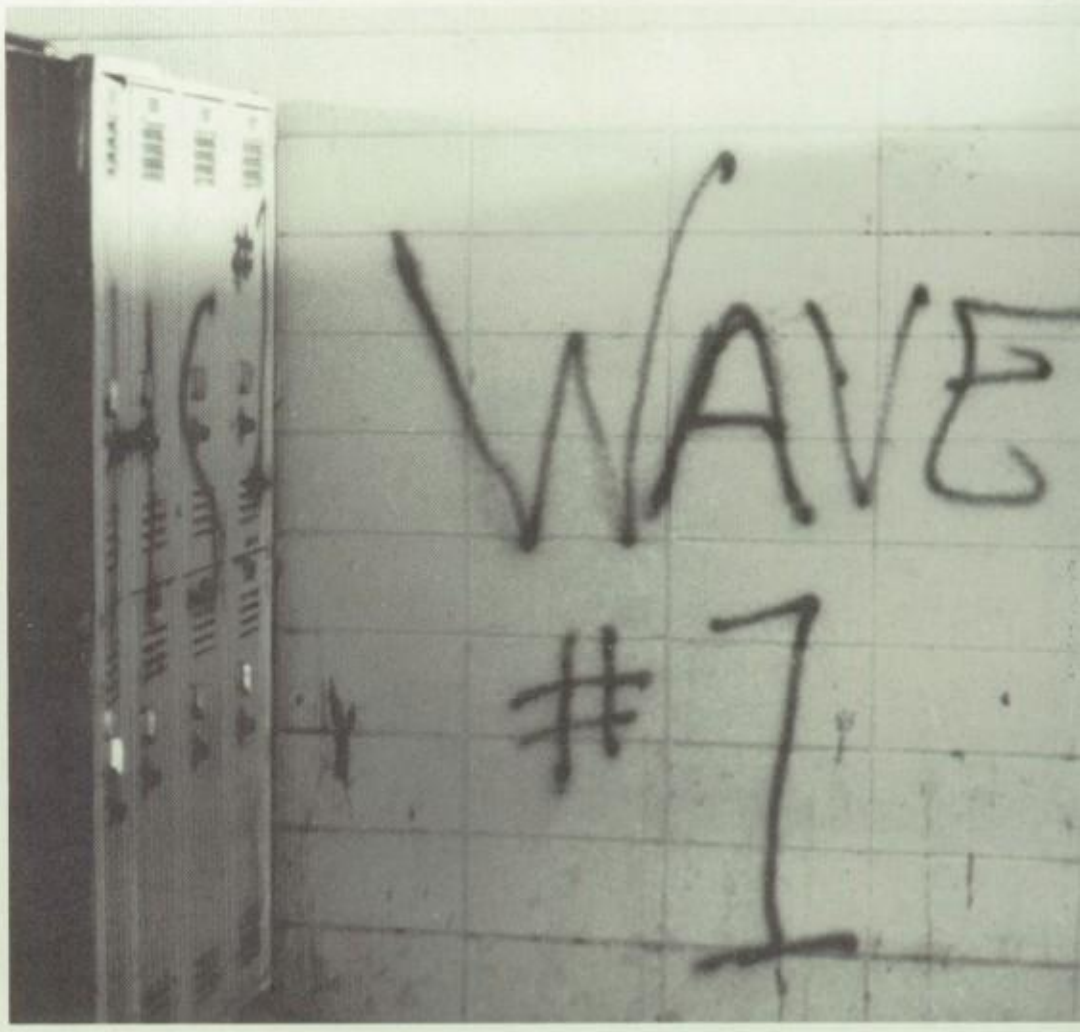


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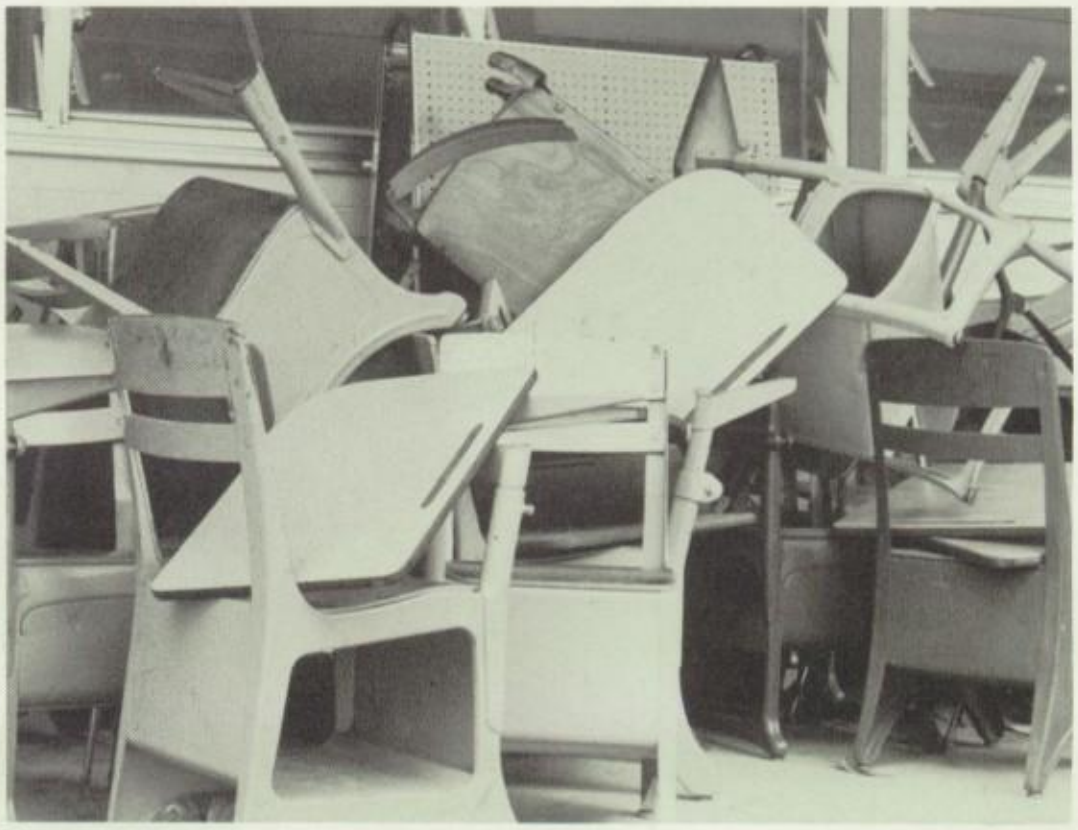
**1** — A favorite pastime of a few pranksters at North High, otherwise known as T.P.'ing, was displayed on one of the various trees around the pool. **2** — The works of destructive Knights could be found behind the cafeteria as mutilated desks sat and waited their final destruction.



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# Malicious Mischief

Pledges of undying love, proclamations of school spirit, and artistic renditions of everything under the sun seem to flourish all over the North High campus. The authors of all this graffiti never seemed to realize that their individualized messages placed on walls, desks, mirrors, and lockers were not artistic additions to campus life, but instead wanton acts of vandalism.

In the past few years the Lee County schools, like their counterparts all over the nation, have experienced an alarming increase in school vandalism. Students seem to be intent on destroying the very surroundings in which they spend such a major portion of their time.

It was one thing to have students from rival schools invade the campus before a big game to paint messages on walls, decorate trees with toilet paper, or even steal the Red Knight from his place of honor, but it was frustrating, disappointing, and maddening to have one's own students perpetrate malicious mayhem. Restrooms at times became health hazards as students abused and misused them, even to the extent of plugging sinks and toilets to cause flooding. The science building was often the target of unprincipled mischief: toilet paper rolled down hallways; hall, classroom and restroom walls scribbled upon; canvas and carpet wall coverings ripped; and carpeting spotted with everything from ink to chewing tobacco.

Only a small percentage of North's students were responsible for the more serious damage to our facilities. These perpetrators were dealt with swiftly and harshly by the administration when apprehended. Doodlers were harder to catch. Desks, tables, and bathroom partitions were laden with graffiti until a custodian or faculty member finally appeared with kitchen cleanser and vandal mark remover. Just as quickly as they were cleaned, new "art work" appeared, causing many to throw their hands up in dismay.

"Barb may love Brian" and we all knew that "Red Knights were #1" but desk and wall panels were poor places to proclaim such messages. "Pride" and "Spirit" weren't declared by loyal Knights through graffiti but by attendance at school activities or sporting events.

# Love From Above

*"Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."*

Many people have said or at least heard this part of the Lord's prayer several times, but religion is a lot more than one prayer. To many North students it was a way of life, with church services, youth groups meetings, and even missionary work occupying a great deal of their off campus time.

While some were still dead to the world on Sunday morning, others were getting up early to attend church services or teach Sunday School. Knights participated in their faith by singing in the choir, ushering, or babysitting in the nurseries. They also volunteered hours outside the church by visiting the elderly in nursing homes or performing skits to reveal God's message in an unique way.

A church, however, was not the only place to find religion. A few students went to temple on Friday night to hear a sermon from their rabbi instead of a preacher. These students helped to preserve the 5000 year tradition of Judaism.

Knights might not have realized how lucky they were to have freedom of worship. They could attend any church, temple, or hall to practice their views. They also had the option of not worshiping at all. Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Jehovah Witnesses, Hindus, Moslems, Buddhists, and Atheists all had the right to live, work and enjoy the freedoms of this country with no hassles from the government or educational institutions. Few countries could boast of this liberty.

Our forefathers based our country on religion and the effects were still evident in the lives of many students. To some religion meant nothing, but to others it was their way of life. Serving God was the center of their activities, whether attending temple or church. However they worshipped, Knights felt a sense of satisfaction, for they were "making investments" for their future by serving God in the way they chose.

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**1** — A favorite North Fort Myers minister, Reverend Martin Bass, found it easy to keep the attention of the teenage members of his congregation. His sermon topics often related to pertinent teenage concerns as communicated to him by his Red Knight son, Tim. **2** — A simple cross silhouetted against the sky has become the symbol of freedom of religion in America. **3** — Pam Volk observed Hanukkah, an ancient Jewish holiday, by lighting the traditional Menorah. **4** — Laurie Coman, Darlene Dials, and Jeanette Dials walked down the aisle of St. Frances Xavier to receive Holy Communion followed by a few moments of meditation. **5** — The North Fort Myers High Chorus sang Handel's *Messiah* at the North Fort Myers Methodist Church for members of their congregation and the community during the Christmas holidays.

**1** — Leaving the Lee County Courthouse after an interesting hour of viewing a "trial by jury" were Civics class members Catherine Lewis, Irit Hemed, and Laura Thomas. **2** — Canoes mounted, the Environmental Science class awaited departure time for their trip on the Orange River.

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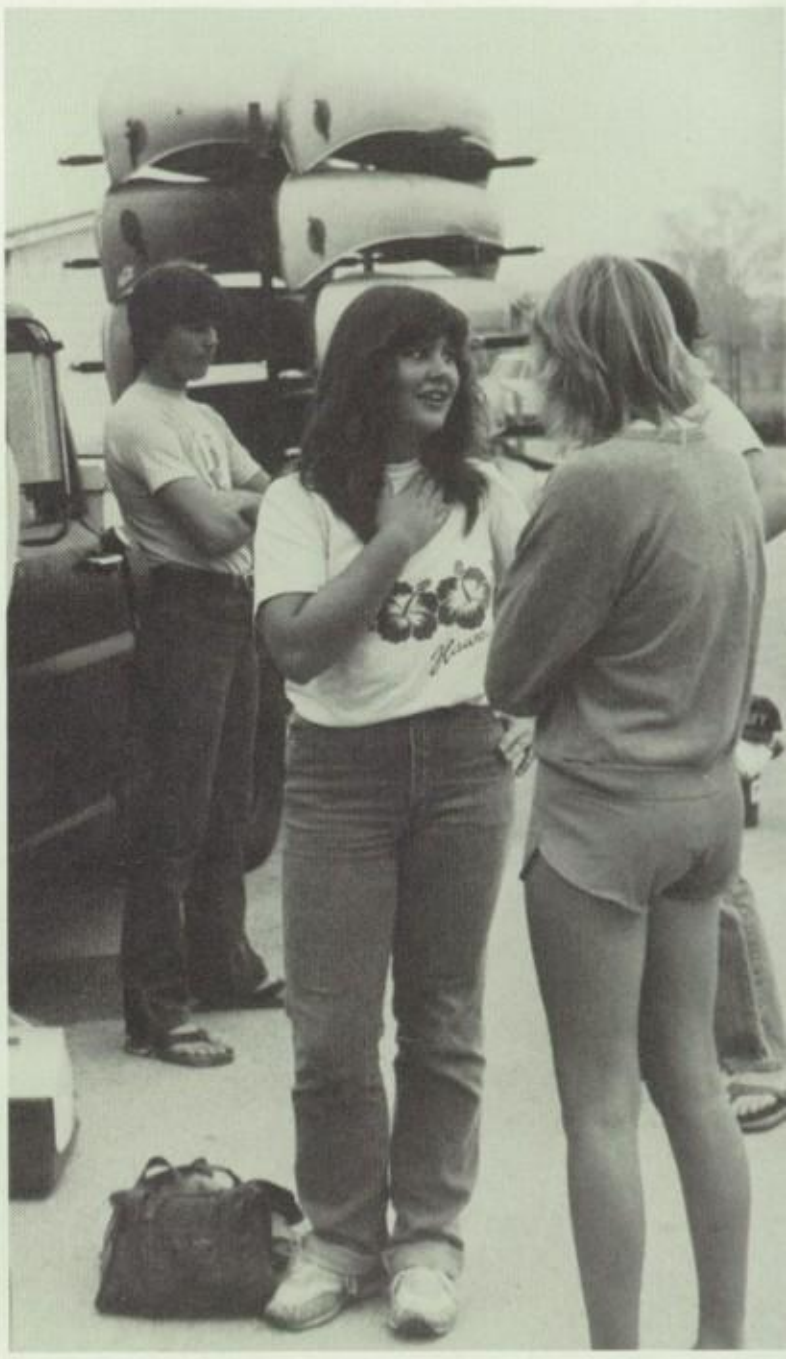

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# Spicing Up Class

Going to school day in and day out, one hundred and eighty days a year, sometimes proved boring to many students at North. Occasionally they found it difficult to rise out of their warm beds mornings, knowing they faced another six straight periods of classroom routine.

Fortunately, many teachers were aware of this situation. They tried to break the normal routine of class work by scheduling field trips or special class days. "Broadening one's horizons" by leaving campus to learn about the world first hand was not only educationally beneficial but provided a great change of pace.

Civics students enjoyed the unusual all year. In the fall, political candidates entered their classroom to explain the individual offices they sought and the political and electoral systems. Trips to the Lee County Courthouse enabled them to view first hand a "trial by jury" and their county government at work.

A trip to Arcadia and the G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital was still an important aspect of Mr. Leroy Dewey's Psychology class. He felt students benefited greatly from seeing first hand the treatment and behavior of patients receiving care in a state mental hospital.

Science classes used the great Florida weather and environment for occasional excursions into nature. Students paddled up the Orange River in canoes studying different wildlife habitats as they shared a great time. A few tipped canoes did not dampen the enthusiasm students had for this type of field trip or their Environmental Science class.

Many students from foreign language classes and the Student Advisory Committee looked forward all year to the big trip up to St. Petersburg for the Annual International Folk Festival. There they spent an entire day sampling the food, music, art, and customs of various foreign countries around the world.

Not all special class events were excursions off campus. Often teachers couldn't find either the time or finances to take their classes away from North High. Yet creativity on their part helped to make students assignments fun. Biology classes went on "scavenger hunts" all around campus to find their treasure of plant life, such as angiosperms and endosperms. Art students were allowed to "stray away" from class to find intriguing subjects to draw and paint. These and other unusual teaching methods helped make students look forward to class instead of devising ways to skip it.

Working within the education system, as an instructor or student, was not always easy. Nevertheless, teachers and students find it more rewarding when it was peppered with a unique trip, an out-of-class experience, or an interesting visitor. For it was these enjoyable experiences that played a large part in building memories for the Red Knights of North High.

**1** — Helping Ms. Andrea Getzlaff tie the luggage onto the top of her station wagon after a summer session at the yearbook seminar in Tampa were **LANCE '83** staff members Steve Callari and David Milliron. **2** — Drawing in the shade of a tree was a change of pace for art students Cindy Clark, Roger Fahrner, and Renee Murphy. **3** — Mrs. Linda Hissam gets ready to "load 'em up, move 'em out . . . field trip." Class members getting checked on the bus were Dawn Merritt, David Whidden, and Jeff Campbell.

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**1 — Beirut, Lebanon:** Some of the 800 U.S. Marines ran from a landingcraft as they went ashore to take up peace-keeping duty in the war shattered Beirut port area, where they were to oversee the departure of Palestine Liberation forces ousted by Israel. August 25, 1982. **2 — Death in 1982 —** Sadly the world said farewell to four outstanding people, actor Henry Fonda, one time actress Princess Grace of Monaco, Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev, and actress Ingrid Bergman. **3 — Chicago, Illinois:** Employees of the Chicago City Health Department tested Tylenol medications for deadly cyanide that killed seven area persons who took the capsules. October 7, 1982.

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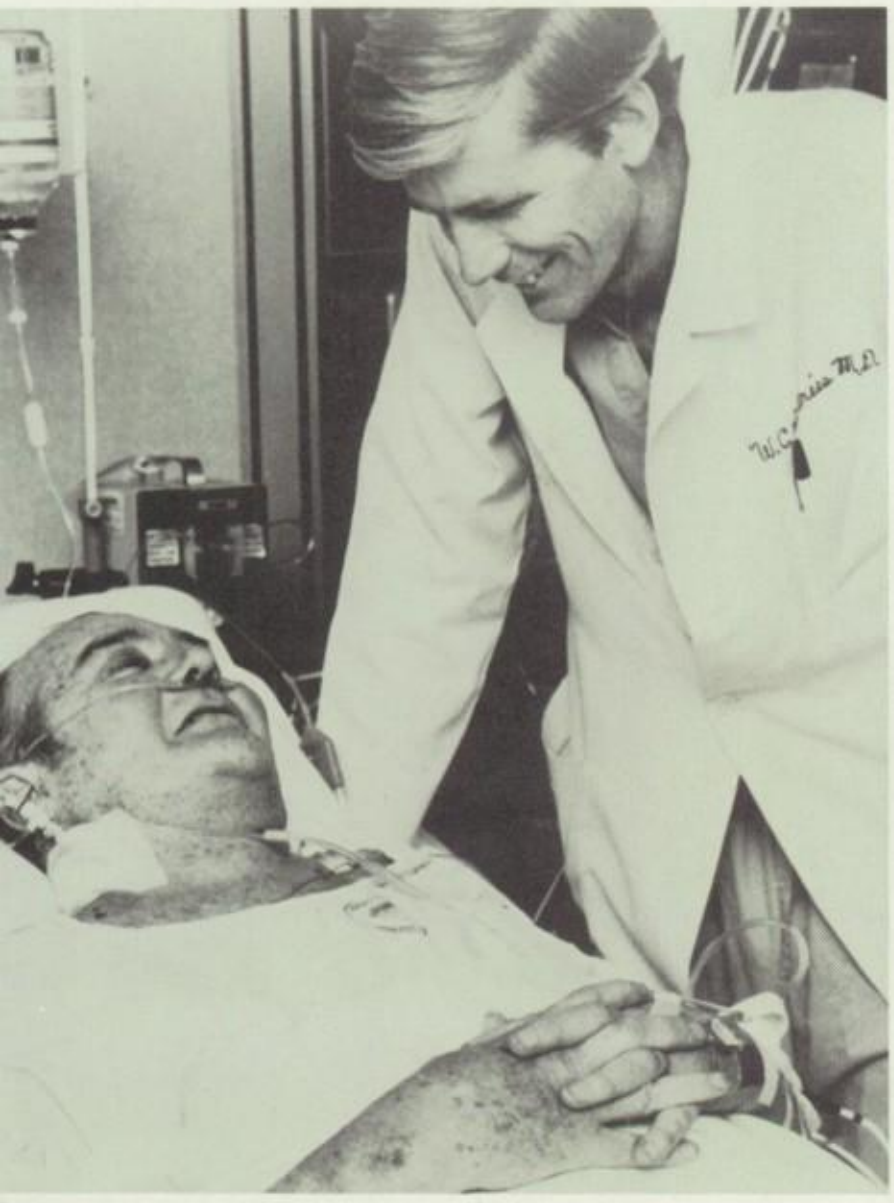

**1 — Salt Lake City, Utah:** Artificial heart recipient Barney B. Clark, 61, a retired Seattle, Washington dentist, smiled at his surgeon Dr. William De Vries, one day after the surgery at the University of Utah Medical Center. **2 — Hollywood, California:** Drew Barrymore and friend from a scene in "E.T.," the smash motion picture of 1982.

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# The World at a Glance

While reading the newspaper or watching T.V. during 1982-83, many of us wondered how events occuring half way around the globe could effect us. Yet as we examined these happenings we realized how very small our world had become.

War headlines were common in '82. Even though the U.S. wasn't involved in armed conflict, these global upheavals were of utmost concern to our country. In El Salvador, where conflicts between the government and rebel forces continued, our government sent 300 million dollars in military and economic aid. Thus it was our dollars that helped to support the fight for human rights in that South American country. The ghastly fighting between Israel and Lebannon also brought about a degree of American involvement. When the P.L.O. was defeated by Israelian troops, 500 U.S. Marines were sent to escort the P.L.O. out of Lebannon safely and to help maintain the truce.

However, it was the national events that concerned us the most. The 12% unemployment rate began to directly effect our lives. Finding a job became more and more difficult for the average Red Knight. Other Americans had it worse though as thousands of families were forced to leave their homesin search of work. It looked to many like the start of a depression, instead of just a recession.

We lost many beloved celebrities during this past year. The world bid sad farewells to such entertainment greats as Henry Fonda, Ingrid Bergman, John Belushi, Dave Garroway, and one-time actress, Princess Grace of Monaco. In January the sports world recoiled in shock over the sudden death of Bear Bryant, the winningest coach in college football.

Medicine in '82-'83 also had its ups and downs. A nationwide scare over contaminated Tylenol capsules began in early October in Chicago. Seven people died of cyanide poisoning from the deadly capsules. Even though Tylenol was pulled off drugstore shelves the danger was not over. Copy cat crimes began appearing throughout the country. On the lighter side of medicine, a fantastic new breakthrough was made. Barney B. Clark became the first man to receive an artificial heart transplant. The retired Seattle dentist received his new heart in Salt Lake City, Utah and the prayers and best wishes of the whole world flooded his hospital room.

each year had its unique fads and 1982 was no exception. The video craze was still going strong, but now familiar games such as, Pac-Man, Centipede, and Donkey Kong invaded the living room. Although there was criticism over the psychological effects of the "games," this didn't stop the 5.7 billion dollar industry. From the movies a little alien named E.T. gained tremendous popularity. The movie by the same name became the undisputed box office smash and E.T. himself another merchandising bonanza.

The world of sports had its headaches. The first football strike began on September 21. All 28 teams left their stadiums to demand more money. For eight weeks football fans were forced to find new ways to fill their T.V. time. The problems finally resolved, players returned to the game to the relief of the owners, coaches, and fans.

As the drama of human life unfolded during 1982-83, we were deluged with knowledge of victories and defeats, joys and sorrows, triumphs and disappointments, crisis and successes. Knowledge that events could effect our future life style did not detour us from enjoying the immediate pleasure of today and anticipating the promise of tomorrow.

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Country, Debra Riggins — Girls Basketball, Cathy Kubesh — Footb
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Cheerleaders, Debbie Siltzer — Swimming, Jack Long — Wrestli
**Back Row —** Dee Henry — Track, Brian Makar — Football, Jam
Giles — Boys Basketball.

# Athletics

Whether for North Fort Myers High School or for personal satisfaction, "athletics" was the name of the game. Pride, power, and perfection drove Knights in their quest for achievement in the world of physical activity.

Battling heat stroke, exercising cramped muscles, and wiping sweat from brows, many North students dedicated themselves to mastering the skills needed to be part of the team or to excel individually. They spent hours on the football field, in the gym, on the baseball diamond, on the track, or in the swimming pool learning, practicing, and striving to perfect skills under the guidance of their tireless, dedicated coaches. The thrill of competition, the pleasure of achievement, and the joy of victory made the hours of dedicated practice and the physical pain involved all seem worthwhile.

Red Knight athletes always put forth 100%. Certain athletic events attracted more fans than others but that never seemed to bother the participants. They might not always bask in glory or perform to the echo of cheering crowds, but they hung in because they loved their sport and the red, black, and white they represented.

Physical exertion, whether for pleasure or competition, was a vital part of becoming involved in life. Students who did not participate in the organized athletic program at North had no excuse to be idle. With a multiple of golf courses, tennis courts, physical fitness centers, roller rinks, parks, and bike paths in Lee County there was always something "physical" to do and a place to do it in.

So play ball, dive in, run around the block, or roll the ball down the alley . . . the game was still "athletics", the purpose was physical well-being and personal satisfaction, and the participants were the Sterling Red Knights of North Fort Myers High.

# Ambassadors of Pride and Spirit

There would be something strange about a North High football or basketball game if there were no red, black, and white spirit banners to greet the team and spectators, and there were no colorfully clad cheerleaders to organize the enthusiasm of the crowd and thus urge the Red Knight athletes to more dedicated performances. Perpetrators of pride and spirit were often just as important to the victory as the players who took to the field or court.

Being a cheerleader was not all excitement and glory. Most of their time was spent practicing, writing cheers and chants, practicing, designing dance routines, practicing, organizing pep rallies, practicing, painting spirit banners, practicing, rubbing Ben-Gay on pulled muscles, practicing, trying to recover from laryngitis, and practicing.

Varsity football cheerleading really began at the end of the 1982 school year with grueling try-outs. The eight young ladies that were finally selected then began ordering uniforms, organizing the squad, and preparing for their trip to cheerleading camp at the University of Florida in Gainesville during the summer.

Before school started for fellow Red Knights in August the girls under the direction of their sponsor Sandra McCready were practicing morning and afternoon on their routines, jumps, and mounts.

Three new additions were made to the squad in September. Joining Captain Cathy Kubesh, Co-Captain Ellen Ayres, and squad members Dee Henry, Lisa Beller, Kim Richards, Tammy Griffin, Mandy Smith, and Connie Burke were North's first male cheerleaders in a long time, Jason Cash, Neal Jackson, and Chris Weaver. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and strength added a great deal of "class" to the efforts expanded at games and pep rallies. Chris was sorely missed when his family moved out of state after only three games.

To give the football cheerleaders a built-in spirit section and help in painting "Red Pride" banners and signs, Mrs. Bobbie Dewey reestablished the Spirit Club. Before each game members led by President Darlene Dials, Vice-President Pam Volk, Secretary Sandy Cunningham, Treasurer Cathy Boring, and Sgt-at-Arms Cindy Clark, spent countless hours using their artistic talents to suggest that our athletes get to work "Blotting Up the Green Wave," "Declawing the Panthers" or "Defeathering the Seahawks." At games they sat together faithfully responding to the cheerleaders' request that they "yell a little louder."

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**1 — Varsity Football Cheerleaders:** Neal Jackson, Jason Cash, Cathy Kubesh, Ellen Ayres, Mandy Smith, Dee Henry, Tami Griffin, and Connie Burke. **2 — Spirit Club: Front Row —** Debbie Zabinofsky, Cindy Clark, Cathy Boring, Darlene Dials, Bobbie Dewey. **Second Row —** Judy Bowne, Laura Johnson, Sheila Garringer, Michele Olson. **Third Row —** Sandy Cunningham, Candace Boring, Kelly Ahlefeld, Shelli Garringer, Jeanette Dials. **Back Row —** Pam Volk, Kim Moody, Angela Wille, Mona Marsh, Deborah Tessier, Jodie Davis. **3 —** Holding their spirit banner high to serve as a colorful entry arch for the Varsity Football team were the football cheerleaders.

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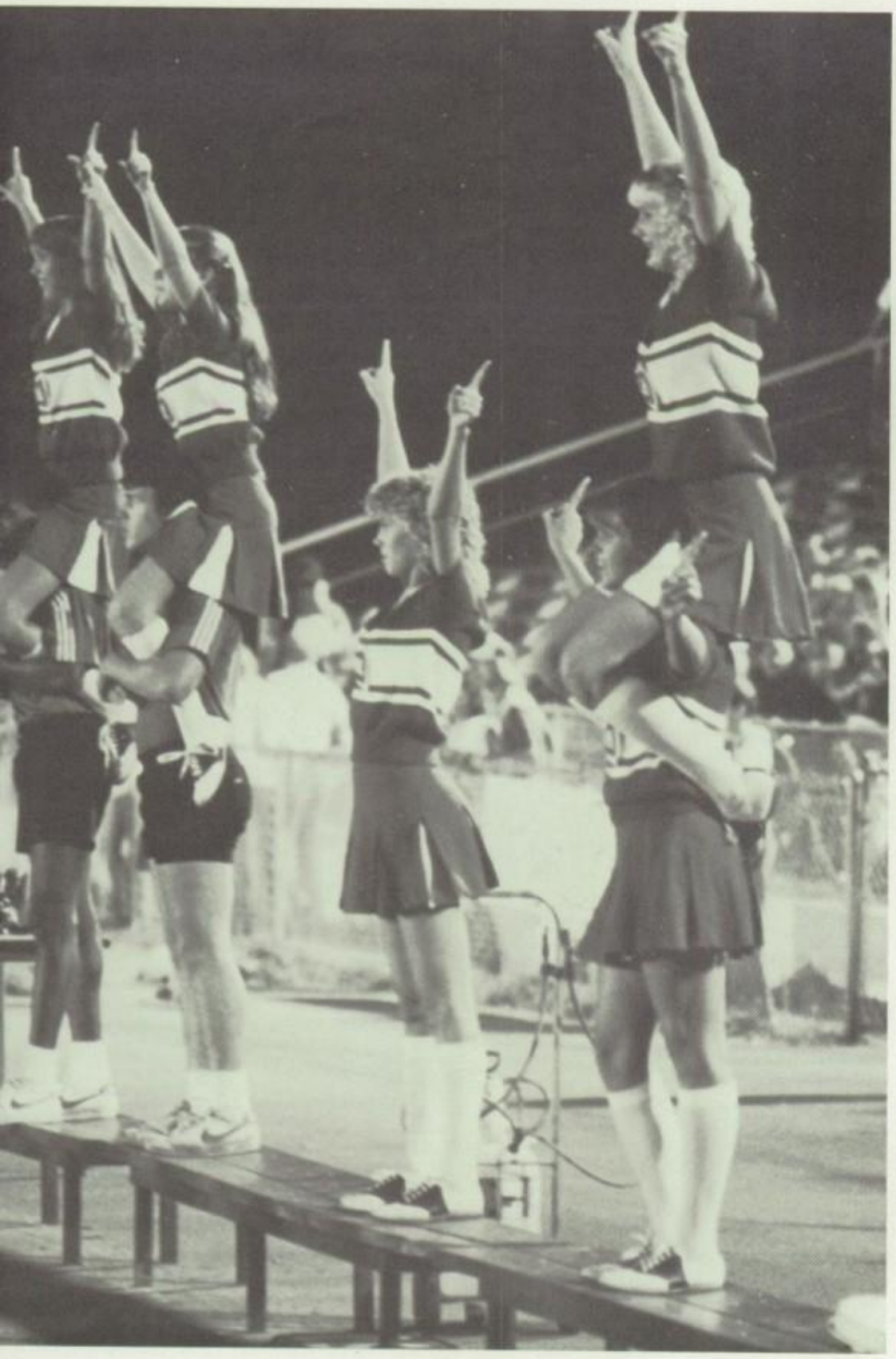

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**1** — Demonstrating agility, strength, and dexterity during a pep rally were Lisa Beller, Cathy Kubesh, Jason Cash, Ellen Ayres, Neal Jackson, Kim Richards, Dee Henry, Tammy Griffin and Connie Burke. **2** — Football Cheerleaders proudly showed the gathered football fans who was Number One after a score by Brian Makar. **3** — Painting spirit signs and banners was only one of the many tasks of Spirit Club members Kelly Ahlefeld, Cathy Boring, Debbie Zabinofsky, Sandy Cunningham, Candace Boring, Laura Johnson, and Mary Johnson while promoting Red Pride.

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**1 — Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders:** Shavon Golden, Kim Moody, Mandy Smith, Kim Kibler, Kenny Miller, Tonya Becker, Tiffany Touchstone, Lori Harper, and Connie Burke. **2 —** JV Cheerleading Captain Carol Petry showed spirit as she warmed up before a game. **3 — JV Basketball Cheerleaders: Front Row —** Genesis Black, Chris Beckos, Shelley Gartner, Donna Bradley, Carol Petry, and Samatha Holloway.

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# Ambassadors of Pride and Spirit (CONT.)

After just a ten game career, the Varsity Football Cheerleaders were sent into retirement with a banquet at Mariner's Inn where they received praise, awards, and letters. Meanwhile as the campus geared up for winter sports, tryouts were announced for two new cheerleading squads to organize the enthusiasm for varsity and JV basketball.

Daily practice workouts were held in the cafeteria prior to tryouts where candidates were taught a dance routine, jumps, specific cheers and had to devise a cheer of their own. Suffering from strained muscles and on edge with nervousness and anticipation, 15 students made the squad: 8 girls and 1 guy for the varsity and 6 sophomore and freshman girls for the J.V.

These spirited Knights began practicing three days a week until the season's games began. Then cheering two nights a week, they dropped their practices to two afternoons. It took dedication, stamina, and perseverance to be a basketball cheerleader, but the varsity squad: Captain Kim Kibler, Shavon Golden, Mandy Smith, Tanya Becker, Kenny Miller, Kim Moody, Connie Burke, Lori Harper, and Tiffany Touchstone and the J.V. squad: Captain Carol Petry, Co-Captain Chris Beckos, Shelly Gartner, Samantha Holloway, Donna Bradley, and Genesis Black, proved equal to the task.

Sandra McCready and Carolyn Ludwig, sponsors of the basketball cheerleaders, couldn't have been prouder of the performance of their people. Through a grueling three month season they never stopped supplying the ebullition that kept both the boys and girls teams striving for wins.

Red Knight pride goes with the territory, but it takes leadership, organization, and exuberance to channel this pride into a single voice that can inspire an athlete to give that extra effort, to gain that extra yard, or to grab that needed rebound. Our ambassadors of pride and spirit performed exceptionally. As senior football star Warren Williams put it, "When you know the crowd is behind you, you plunge, crawl, and scramble for that extra few inches that can mean a first down or a T.D. for North Fort Myers High."

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**1** — Connie Burke and the rest of the squad enjoyed laughs and pleasant conversation before cheering ecstatically at a game. **2** — Kim Moody, Kim Kibler, and Connie Burke asked "the powers above" for 1 point during a free throw attempt.

Brian Makar
Co-Captain

Warren Williams
Co-Captain

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1982 Red Knight Varsity Football Team

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# Our Sterling Knights

After stumbling through a 1-9 season in '81, the varsity football team really turned it around in '82. A combination of dedication, pride, spirit, and determination brought the Lee County Football Championship back to North and earned us second place in Southwest Florida Conference standings.

In their first game, North faced the Class 4-A Sarasota Sailors. Benefiting from timely Sarasota turnovers and a brilliant 66 yard touchdown run by Vince Mitchell, the Knights wiped out an 8-2 fourth quarter deficit. Brian Makar scored again for North 40 seconds later and defensive back James Holland choked off Sarasota's final drive with an interception at the North 19 yard line with 1:15 remaining. Final score: North 16, Sarasota 8.

Entertaining Coral Springs' Taravella, four fumbles and one disastrous interception proved to be North's downfall. Statistically the Red Knights won the game but the final score told the disappointing truth — Taravella 19, North 13.

Shrugging off defeat, North proved themselves by shutting down Barron Collier, 34-0. Warren Williams and Brian Makar proved to be decisive factors, Williams running and Makar throwing for two touchdowns each. Vince Mitchell scored twice for North, on a pass from Makar in the second quarter and a pass interception and 30 yard scramble in the third quarter. The Knights' defense did a tremendous job limiting the Cougars to 60 yards on the ground and 44 yards in the air.

Against Charlotte the Knights faced one of the premier quarterbacks in Southwest Florida,

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**1982 North High Varsity Football Team: Front Row** — Ken Walker, Brian Makar, James Holland, Chris Hartnett, Warren Williams, Steve Dahlberg, Stuart Moriconi, Edgar Pugh, Richard Whitney. **Second Row** — John Cummings, Acee Couch, Trent Garrett, Greg DeArmond, Calvin Walker, Donald Estlund, Hezy Hemed, Vincent Mitchell, Ralph Black. **Third Row** — Kane Richmond, Rusty Wenrich, Dan Silverthorn, Roscoe Thurman, Sean St. Amand, Robert Nein, Keith Battle, Chuck Woods, Billy Clifford. **Back Row** — Asst. Coach Frank Drake, Asst. Coach Roger Pritchard, Asst. Coach Ted Ferriera, James Graham, Jay Volce, Ronnie Morgan, Jake Hemed, Lee Rhodes, Asst. Coach Tom Pacl, Asst. Coach Wade Hummel, Head Coach Ron Hoover.

# Our Sterling Knights (CONT.)

Billy Midgett. Intercepting four passes and recovering two fumbles North grounded the Tarpons' air attack and scored a 39-12 victory. Warren Williams proved an invincible force rushing for 153 yards and scoring two touchdowns. The defense kept continual pressure on Midgett, limiting his passing to 77 yards.

Against Lely North played a triple overtime thriller, finally winning 42-35. North seemingly had the game wrapped up in the fourth quarter with 3:50 remaining after Brian Makar intercepted a Lely pass, but a referee blew the play dead and gave Lely new life. The Trojans scored three plays later and their quarterback's kick was good to tie the game 21-21. In the first two O.T.s both teams scored. On a play from their two-point conversion playbook, a backward pass from Warren Williams to Brian Makar, North scored in the third O.T. John Cummings then intercepted a Lely pass to preserve the lead and send exhausted but happy Red Knight players and coaches off the field with their fourth win in five starts.

The Knights' next opponent was Cypress Lake. Having been beaten by the Panthers three straight years, North was determined to post a victory. With Cypress leading 13-7 in the fourth quarter, Calvin Walker caught a 14 yard pass in the end zone from Brian Makar and tied the score, 13-13. Makar successfully completed the scoring with a kick that "split the uprights," putting North ahead for good, 14-13.

North's second loss occurred as Naples slipped past the Knights in our Homecoming game, 20-13. The Eagles erased a 13-6 deficit with two TDs in the fourth quarter, the last coming with only :53 remaining. North refused to die and drove to the Naples' 5 yard line with only 2 seconds left to play. After a Naples' time out, Makar took the snap and faded back, but Naples' tackle Jayson Oreschnick batted the ball to the ground ending the game.

With a week off North prepared for their game against Ft. Myers. During the first half neither team scored. The third quarter began the same way, then the Green Wave scored after a pass interference call against North gave them a first down. Fort Myers failed to connect with their kick, leaving the score at 6-0. With :29 remaining, North scored and Makar kicked the extra point, winning the game 7-6.

North expected to trounce Cape Coral but just managed to squeak by 10-8. North's scores came on a 4 yard run and 22 yard field goal by Brian Makar. Things seemed secure when the Seahawks suddenly scored and made good a two point conversion. Then Cape threatened again with a 28 yard field goal attempt, but Lady Luck smiled down on the Knights when the kick was wide to the right.

North's final game was against Riverdale. Warren Williams used his last appearance for North to rush for 184 yards and to score three touchdowns. Brian Makar demonstrated his ability again and again, quarterbacking his team to a 34-6 victory while scoring 11 of the Red Knight points himself and completing a 25 yard touchdown pass to James Holland for another 6.

It was a great year of football at North with 8 wins and only 2 losses. Perhaps the best way the season would be summarized for all Knights was expressed by Co-Captain Chris Hartnett at a pep rally. He said, "I love all these guys on the team and the coaches; they are my family!" We agree; we are a family, proud of our gridiron brothers who so proudly wore the black, red, and white to victory. They were our **STERLING KNIGHTS!**

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*1982 Varsity Football*

| NHS | | OPP |
|---|---|---|
| 16 | Sarasota | 8 |
| 13 | Taravella | 19 |
| 34 | Barron-Collier | 0 |
| 39 | Port Charlotte | 12 |
| 42 | Lely | 35 |
| 14 | Cypress Lake | 13 |
| 13 | Naples | 20 |
| 7 | Fort Myers | 6 |
| 10 | Cape Coral | 8 |
| 34 | Riverdale | 6 |

**Season Record: 8-2**

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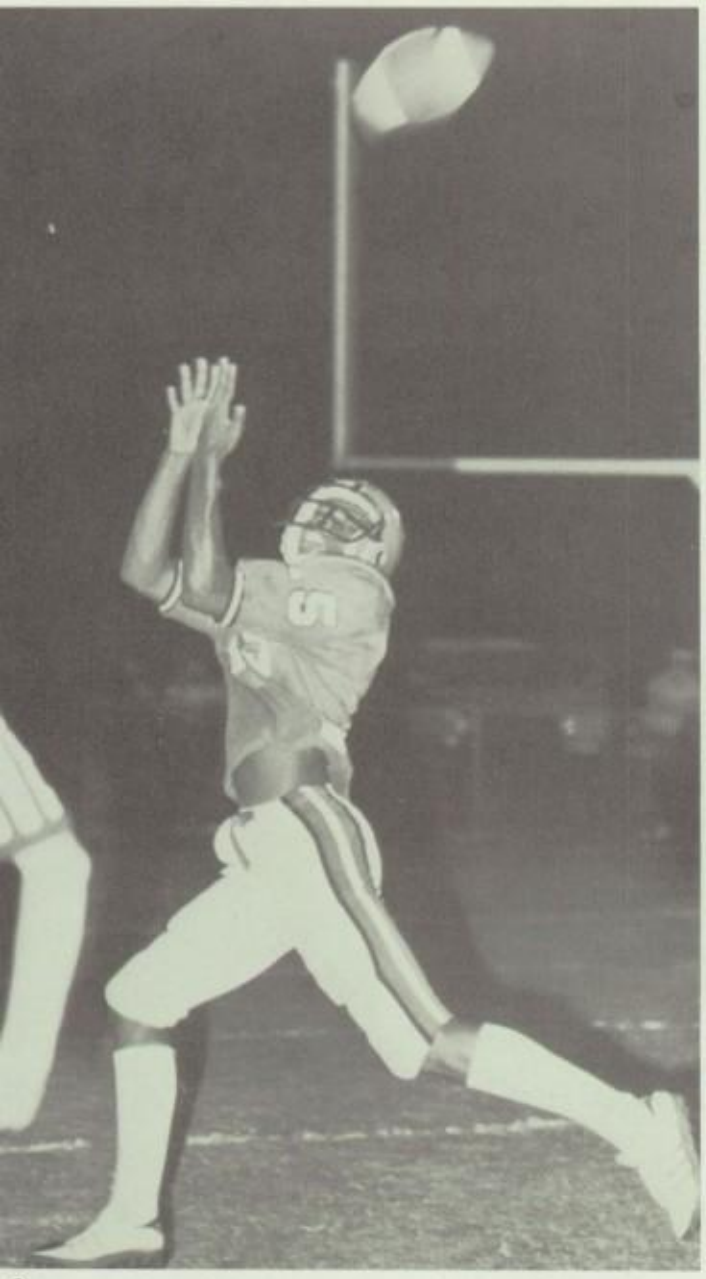

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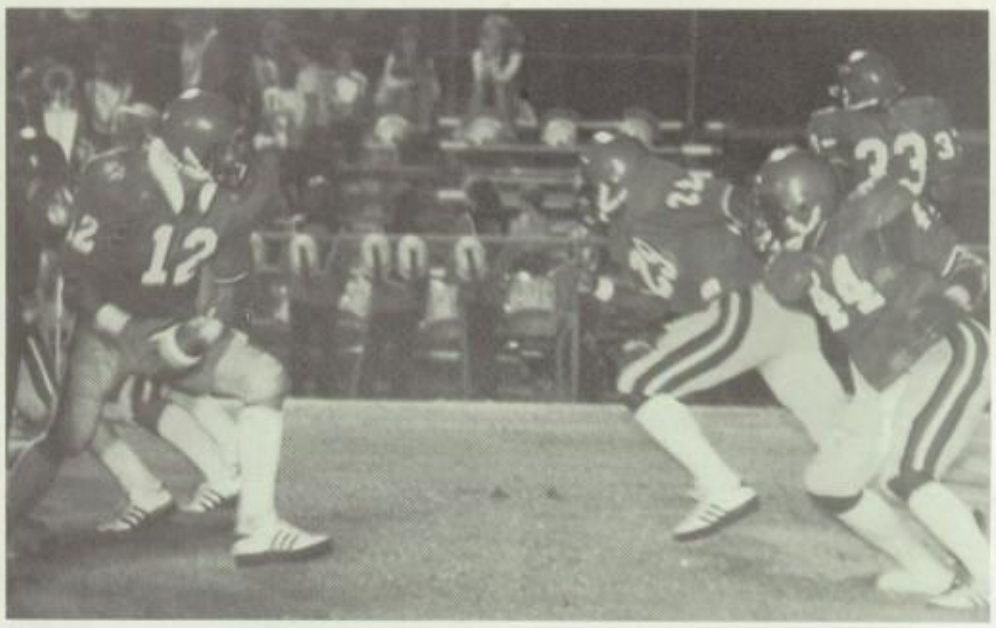
**1** — Running back Vincent Mitchell dives through the Naples Eagles' front line to pick up extra yardage. **2** — The agony of the game is quite visible on Red Knight Co-Captain Richard Whitney's face as trainers Don Plunkett and Steve Muri work on his injured ankle. **3** — James Holland broke wide open on the side lines and caught a picture perfect pass thrown by Brian Makar. **4** — Quarterback Brian Makar got ready to hand the ball off to ace running back Warren Williams, as John Cummings and Vincent Mitchell got ready to lead the blocking. **5** — The referee signals another 6 points on the scoreboard for North High.



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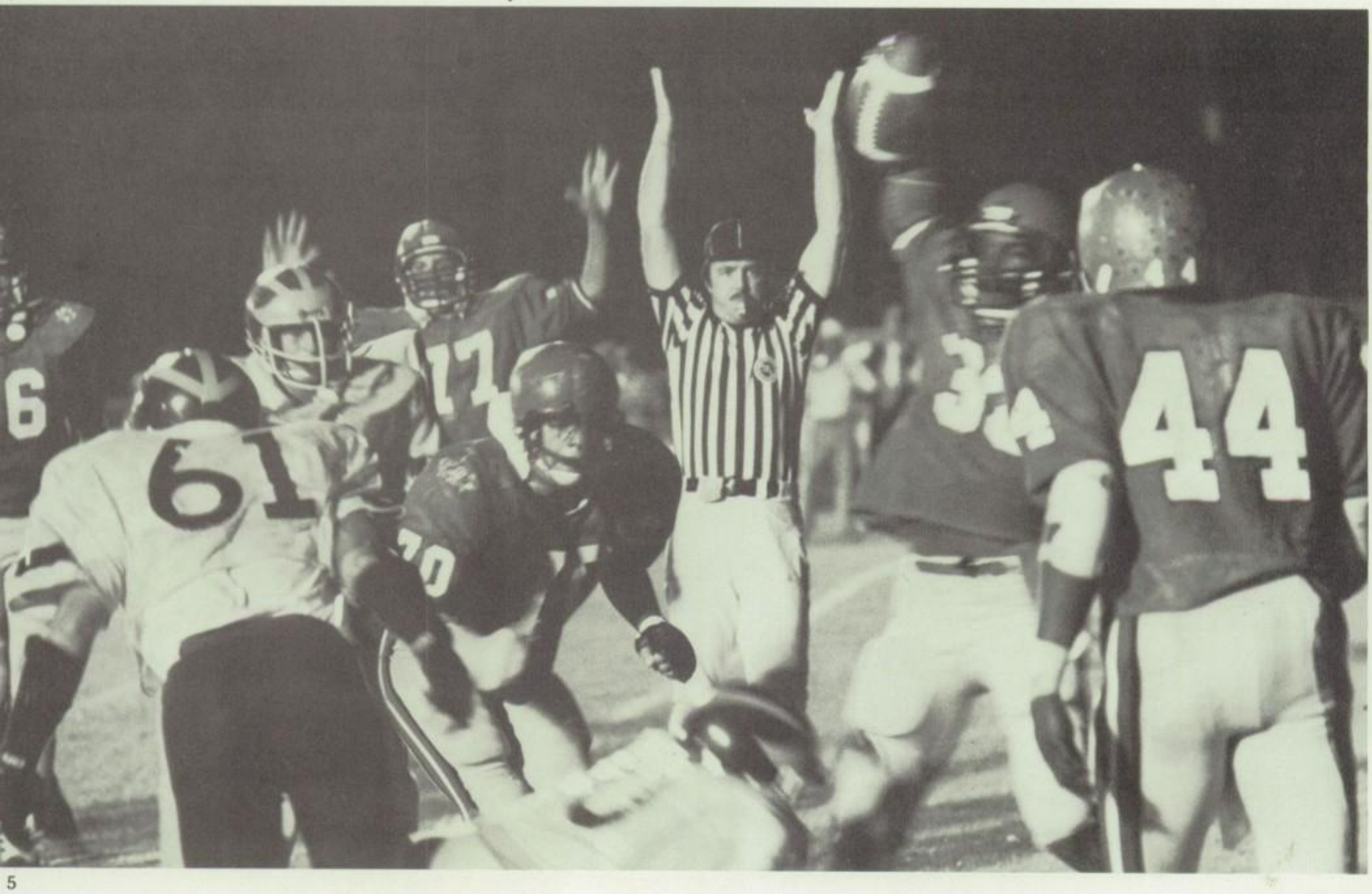

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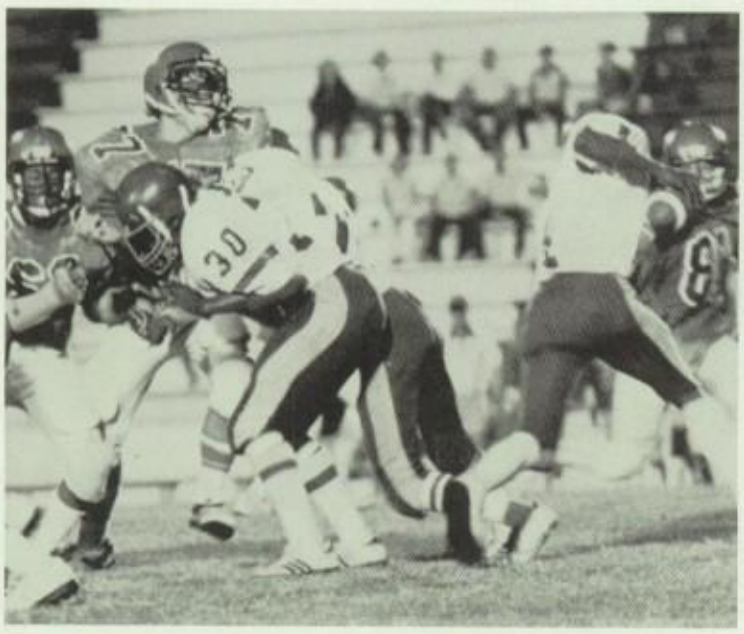
**1** — It's heads up defense as Knights' Darrell Everett and Joe Ligotti watched Charlotte's running back attempt to break free, but North's Chris Lindenmuth stopped him before there was any gain. **2** — Red Knight Louis Jones ground out more yards against the Greenies after key blocks by the offensive unit.



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# On Their Way Up

1982 saw a big change in the North Fort Myers High School football program. A decision was made to eliminate the junior-varsity team and to add a freshman squad. This was done to promote interest among sophomores, juniors, and seniors to play varsity football. It proved to be a successful move as far as the varsity squad was concerned but left the freshmen few in number and short in experience.

"The popularity of the Pop Warner football program in North Fort Myers among 14 and 15 year olds hurt us this year," commented Head Freshman Coach Levon Simms. "A lot of the boys wanted to stay with the coaches and players they had known for years instead of learning a new system with new teammates here at North. Most of them will come out for the varsity after they are too old for Pop Warner, but by then they will have missed a year of learning how to play the Red Knight way."

The Freshman Team opened their season against arch rival Fort Myers. The Greenies scored on the opening kickoff and North was never able to recover from that initial setback, losing 31-12. In their second game, North faced Cypress Lake. The Panthers were able to control the game handing the young Knights their second loss of the season, 38-12.

North knuckled down after two consecutive losses and worked extra hard all week at practice. In their following game North tied the Vikings of Bishop Verot, 18-18, after 40 minutes of play. In triple overtime the Knights gave up a safety, losing their third game 20-18.

Filling an open spot on their schedule, the Knights met Fort Myers on the gridiron again. North remained close throughout the game, but was unable to overcome their opponents, losing 13-8. Next the freshmen faced Cypress Lake for the second time and the fifth game of the season. The team put up a desperate battle but fell to the Panthers, 20-8.

With an 0-5 record, North was determined to reverse their luck. The Knights were able to control the ball throughout most of the game against Charlotte, handing their neighbors to the North a loss and giving themselves their first win of the season, an 18-0 shutout.

For the third time this season, North met Fort Myers. Although the Knights played an outstanding game, they could not break the Green jinx, and lost 13-8. In their final game the Freshmen faced the Venice Vikings. The Vikings were favored to beat the Knights who though reduced in numbers were filled with determination and fought to the end. They closed their season with this 8-6 victory.

It was a hard season for the Freshmen but a year of growth and an introduction into the tradition of football as played in Red Knight Country. Head Coach Levon Simms and Assistant Coaches Wayne Jensen and Joe Clark were proud of the way these future gridiron stars had grown and developed their football abilities during the 1982 season. They were ready to make the move up to the varsity.

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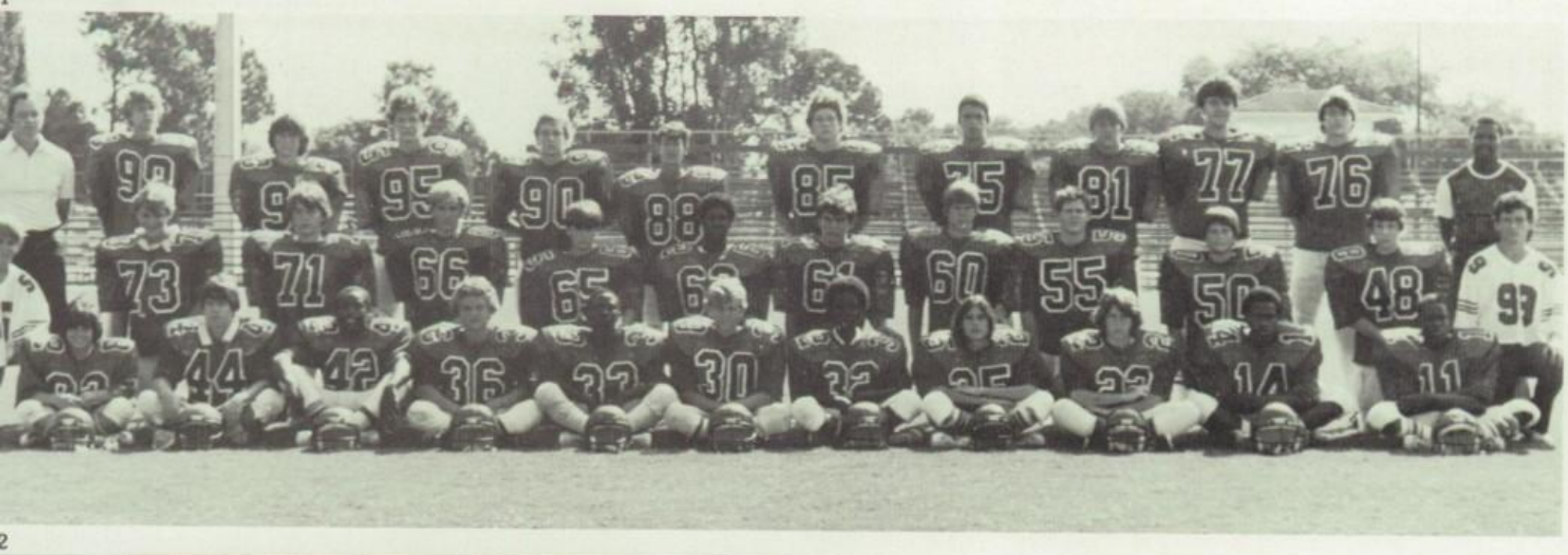
*1982 Freshman Football*

| NHS | | OPP |
|---|---|---|
| 12 | Fort Myers | 31 |
| 12 | Cypress Lake | 38 |
| 18 | Bishop Verot | 20 |
| 8 | Fort Myers | 13 |
| 8 | Cypress Lake | 20 |
| 18 | Charlotte | 0 |
| 8 | Fort Myers | 13 |
| 8 | Venice | 6 |

**Season: Record: 2-6**



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**1** — Up, up, and away between two Ft. Myers defensive men went Mike Brown for a terrific reception and a 21 yard gain. **2 — 1982 Freshman Football Team: Front Row** — Shawn Earhardt, Lyle Raymon, Mike Brown, Dewey Mickens, Louis Jones, Waylan Bowling, Tyrone Jones, Scott Minick, Robert Krampen, Derrik Massey, Melvin Cody. **Second Row** — Randy Jones, Robert Flipsey, Ronald Reese, Wes Underwood, Jim Hartman, Darrell Everett, John Myatt, Mark Geahart, John McClure, Scott Callari, Doug Nale, James Graham. **Back Row** — Coach Wayne Jensen, Mike Albertson, Steven Smith, John Morris, Jack McStravic, Tim Lust, John Land, Mike Panio, Chris Lindenmuth, Joe Ligotti, Richard Welch, Coach Levon Simms. **3** — Derrik Massey rolled out of the pocket after pressure was put on by Cypress Lake's numbers 75 and 61. A superb block by Mike Brown allowed Derrik to escape without a loss.

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| BOYS | 1982 Cross Country | GIRLS |
|---|---|---|
| Won | Port Charlotte | Won |
| 11/12 | Venice Invitational | 8/21 |
| 4/11 | Collier Invitational | 2/11 |
| Lost | Cape Coral | Won |
| Lost | Cypress Lake | Won |
| 1/3 | DeSoto Invitational | 2/3 |
| Won | Naples | Lost |
| 8/11 | Ft. Myers Invitational | 4/11 |
| Won | Lely | Won |
| Won | Riverdale | Won |
| Won | Collier | Won |
| Lost | Ft. Myers | Won |
| Won | Charlotte | Won |
| 8th | Conference | 2nd |
| 7th | District | 3rd |
| — | Regional | 4th |
| — | State | 15th |
| 8-3 | Season Record | 9-2 |

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**1 — 1982 Cross Country Teams — Front Row:** Beth Pickering, Cindy Bellamy, Brenda George, Sharoyn Harris, Melissa Roof, and Maria Castaldo. **Second Row:** Pat McGuire, Curtis Gully, Michael Dukes, Walter Ratliff, Richard Muri, Steve Muri, Armando Visser, and Billy Floyd. **Back Row:** Girls Coach Melody Mitchitell, Tina Honaker, Ramona Harris, Shelley Lewis, Captain Tony Acitelli, Tom Tisell, Chester Miller, Captain Cindy Weber, Catherine Lewis, and Boys Coach Terry Wieland. **2 —** Outstanding distance runner Tom Tisell streaked for the finishing line followed by teammate Walter Ratliff.

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# In the Long Run

Stamina and determination, that's what it took to run Cross Country. The determination to be number one often pushed these young Knights to the point of physical exhaustion in the hot Florida sun. Running together daily after school and on their own evenings and weekends, they quickly learned that continual training, experience, and desire helped them improve throughout the season.

Both the boys' and girls' team were young and inexperienced, but with the excellent coaching of Terry Wieland and Melody Mitchitell, they developed team and individual excellence and exceeded everyone's expectations.

The Knights played host to Port Charlotte High School for their opening meet. Freshman Cindy Bellamy took the first place victory in the girls' two mile, while Sophomore Tom Tisell posted a 16:05 to win the boys' three mile. This boosted the North boys to a 15-60 triumph over the Pirates, while the girls won by forfeit.

The next challenge was the Venice Invitational where out of 21 competing schools the Red Knight girls placed 8th and the boys 11th. Traveling to the Collier Invitational, North made an impressive showing against ten other area high schools, with a close 2nd place finish in the girls' division and a 4th place among the boys'.

In North's next two meets, the girls' team was undefeated. The boys' team was plagued with injuries and the loss of three key runners, Richard Muri, Pat McGuire, and Bobby Frank, which caused them to drop their meets against Cape Coral and Cypress Lake.

The boys reorganized, trained harder, and came out on top of Hardee and Charlotte in the Desoto Invitational. The girls' team also fared well, placing second to Hardee.

The boys continued on a winning streak against Lely, Riverdale, Barron Collier and Naples before falling to the Ft. Myers Green Wave by the score of 23 to 38. The girls' team gained running victories over Lely and Barron Collier, with a forfeit win over Riverdale, before going on to beat Ft. Myers and Charlotte, to close out their season with a 9-2 record. The boys posted a victory over Charlotte, bringing their season record to 8 wins, 3 losses.

The female Red Knights continued their winning ways taking 2nd at conference, 3rd at district, and accumulating 121 points and a fourth place finish at the regional meet. The team of Michelle Walker, Shelley Lewis, Sharoyn Harris, Cindy Bellamy, and Katherine Lewis qualified for state with their regional showing. Although none managed to finish under 13 minutes at State, the Red Knights took 15th place. "We were thrilled to make it to state and the experience will help us do better next year," said North's Coach Melody Mitchitell.

The boys' team placed 8th in the South Florida Conference meet and 7th at district thus closing down their season. Sophomore Tom Tisell excelled individually at both meets and posted a spectacular time of 15:07 at the regional to qualify for state. There he ran 16:06.6 on a slow course and finished 23rd out of 118 runners.

Throughout the season, the members of the North High School Cross Country teams brought honor and recognition to their school and themselves. They possessed those "sterling" qualities which allowed them to overcome all obstacles and to achieve a winning season.

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**1** — Red Knights get off to a good start at their first meet against Port Charlotte. The Lady Knights ran with the boys since Port Charlotte didn't field a girl's team this season. **2** — After checking out the course map, Shelley Lewis, Sharoyn Harris, Catherine Lewis, and Cindy Bellamy relax momentarily on their way to the starting line. Michelle Walker lags behind seriously contemplating the field at the Ft. Myers Invitational.

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# Winners At Heart

Even though the varsity team went through the entire season without a victory, the players were not quitters. Inexperience, a switch of coaching staffs, and starting practice two weeks late, all conspired against the Lady Knights.

John Pate, Girls' Basketball Coach, stepped in and took over the coaching responsibilities for both the varsity and junior-varsity when no one applied for the position. Finally, Louise Jackson, a new English and Science aide, agreed to serve as his assistant. Having no coaching experience in this sport, they and their squads were forced into a "learn-while-you-play" situation.

The first four games against Ft. Myers, Cape Coral, Cypress Lake, and Port Charlotte were disastrous for the young players. They were unable to get started and dropped all sets by two consecutive games.

Against Naples, an improvement in North's playing for the first time was noted. North discovered they could play together and defeated the Eagles 15-10 in the first game. Then Naples rallied, winning the next game 7-15. The third game seesawed back and forth, until Naples finally emerged on top with a close 3-15 vicotry.

The next outing against Lely again proved the varsity could play volleyball. Two hard fought contests saw North go down to slim defeats, 12-15 and 13-15. Then the bottom fell out as inexperience caused North to suffer 4 stunning defeats in a row at the hands of Riverdale, Charlotte, Port Charlotte, and Ft. Myers.

Against our arch rival, Cape Coral, the players had another good evening. Playing together as a team, they lost the first game 11-15, but won the second 15-12. Cape then came back and won 7-15, but at least North felt they had played.

After a loss to Cypress Lake, North had a competitive three game set against Naples. Kim Simons served six points in a row and Coach Pate finally saw individual players play "heads-up" defense.

North's next 5 games against Bishop Verot (2), Lely, Barron Collier, and Riverdale, saw no change in their team fortunes although individual players performed well at times. Their last match against Port Charlotte gave fans a glimmer of hope for future seasons as they won the second game 15-10, before being defeated.

"The year taught me a lot about volleyball," said Coach Pate. "I think it taught these young ladies a lot too. It's hard to lose every game, but they stuck it out. It would have been easy to quit but they didn't. They showed that traditional Red Knight spirit!"

***Varsity Volleyball***

| NHS | | OPP |
|---|---|---|
| Lost | Ft. Myers | Won |
| Lost | Cape Coral | Won |
| Lost | Cypress | Won |
| Lost | Port Charlotte | Won |
| Lost | Naples | Won |
| Lost | Lely | Won |
| Lost | Collier | Won |
| Lost | Riverdale | Won |
| Lost | Charlotte | Won |
| Lost | Port Charlotte | Won |
| Lost | Ft. Myers | Won |
| Lost | Cape Coral | Won |
| Lost | Cypress | Won |
| Lost | Naples | Won |
| Lost | Verot | Won |
| Lost | Lely | Won |
| Lost | Collier | Won |
| Lost | Verot | Won |
| Lost | Riverdale | Won |
| Lost | Charlotte | Won |

**Season Record: 0-20**

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**1** — Blocking a shot was the best defense against an opponent's volley. **2** — Linda Yslas got ready to save the point with a good bump. **3** — When a friend like Melody Addison congratulated her on a winning point, Lori Dill forgot the pain in her wrist. **4** — Rhonda Weber made ready to hit the ball over the net. **5 — 1982 Varsity Volleyball Team: Front Row —** Teresa Roof, Janis Cottrill, Debra Riggins, Carolyn Winegardner, Linda Yslas. **Back Row** — Coach John Pate, Melody Addison, Lori Dill, Susan Meyerson, April Brown, Kim Simons.

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*1982 J.V. Volleyball*

| NHS | | OPP | NHS | | OPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W | Ft. Myers | L | L | Ft. Myers | W |
| L | Cape Coral | W | L | Cape Coral | W |
| L | Cypress | W | W | Cypress | L |
| L | Pt. Charlotte | W | L | Naples | W |
| L | Naples | W | L | Verot | W |
| L | Lely | W | L | Lely | W |
| W | Collier | L | L | Collier | W |
| L | Riverdale | W | L | Verot | W |
| L | Charlotte | W | L | Riverdale | W |
| L | Pt. Charlotte | W | L | Charlotte | W |

**Season Record: 3-17**

**1** — Genesis Black let loose with one of her powerful serves. **2** — Dionne Cody and Genesis Black lead their team in stretching exercises before a big game. **Clockwise:** Anessa Stevens, Jenny Thomas, Annette Bellamy, Kim Clouse, Rae Ann Coup, Rhonda Weber, Sue Clouse, Karen Jaquiss, and Stephanie Paparesta. **3** — Showing her bumping talents on the volleyball court was Stephanie Paparesta.

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# We're On Our Way

Although the Junior Varsity Volleyball Team did not exactly experience a season that fulfilled all their dreams, their season was a little more satisfying than that of the varsity as they managed to acquire three wins. Coached by John Pate and Louise Jackson these players learned the fundamentals of the game and how to cooperate and work together on the court. "The potential was there," said Coach Pate, "they just need time, patience, and practice to develop it."

Beating the Green Wave their first game out, the girls hoped this marked the beginning of a successful season. Luck didn't stay with the ladies though and even with the occasional spirited playing of Sue Clouse and Genesis Black, they lost their next five games to Cape Coral, Cypress Lake, Port Charlotte, Naples and Lely.

A trip to Barron Collier brought North its second sweet taste of success. Battling through a three game set, the girls lost the first, 8- 5, but won the next two, 5-8 and 15-2. Outstanding game performances were noted for Jenny Thomas, Rae Ann Coup, and Stephanie Paparesta.

Good fortune slipped away again as North lost to Riverdale, Charlotte, Port Charlotte, Fort Myers and Cape Coral. Then on October 12 they upset Cypress Lake in their 13th and best played game of the season.

The young Knights couldn't rally and win a game the rest of the season and recorded a record of 3 wins and 17 losses. Undaunted by defeat, they vowed to return next year and again take up the challenge on the volleyball court.

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**1 —** Jenny Thomas bumped the ball over to a setter. **2 — 1982 JV Volleyball Team: Front Row —** Sue Clouse, Annette Bellamy, Coach John Pate, Genesis Black, Kim Clouse. **Back Row —** Anessa Stevens, Rae Ann Coup, Jenny Thomas, Stephanie Paparesta, Karen Jaquiss.

# On the Waterfront

Swimmers take your mark . . . ready . . . set . . . with the bang of the starter's gun the 1982 Red Knight swim team left the blocks for another season. The long days of hard work and the pain that accompanied it were a price well worth paying for the feeling of accomplishment that improved times gave each member. The team faced their meets with determination and sportsmanship, but the swimming Knights were mostly young and inexperienced and the boys could only post a 3-6 record, while the girls won 2 and lost 7. Discouraged at times, they reminded themselves they were building to bring the conference championship back to North.

A major change was made this year in the swimming-diving competition to make the meets and the entire season more pleasant for both the spectators and participants. In previous years, the swimming-diving season began in December and ended in May. After a vote from all state coaches, the competitive season was changed to August through November. This allowed the swimmers to enjoy the warm waters and weather of late summer and fall and not have to fight the chill of winter and icy waters of an unheated pool.

On September 14, North High opened the season against Fort Myers. After a two hours' battle the boys' and girls' swim teams both lost. An exceptional individual time was set by Freshman Michelle Sutton, who broke the school record for the girls' 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:15.9.

The next meet with Port Charlotte also ended in defeat for both the boys and girls. Then things began to change and against Cape Coral, Riverdale, and Barron Collier, the building strength and team meets with the girls winning the first two before losing to Barron Collier.

Although neither team won a meet the rest of the season, coaches Jim Repp and Sandra McCready recognized the talent of many of the new members on the North team and predicted many victories in the future with Todd Lake, Scott Sutton, Michelle Sutton, and Wendy Tillery leading the way. Graduating seniors like John Pruess, Russ Graettinger, Nick Cooley, Debbie Siltzer, Shawn Smitter, and Scott Brown would be missed as their experience had cemented the individuals into a cohesive unit.

Debbie Siltzer, a 4 year swim team veteran had an exciting and memorable career at North High going to state four times. At the district meet this year she took fifth place in both the 100 yard backstroke and 100 yard butterfly; sending her to state in both events. Michelle Sutton not only broke the 100 yard girls' breaststroke school record, but went on to place eighth at the conference meet. Scott Sutton took eleventh at conference in the boys' 100 yard breaststroke event.

In the diving division the team was at a disadvantage due to the lack of participants. Only Scott Brown, Maurice McGriff, and Wendy Tillery entered competition, but they managed to win an impressive number of points for their teams during the season. Senior Scott Brown went undefeated in 9 dual meets, won the conference championship, and went to state, where he took 8th with 326.80 points.

"I enjoyed working with this team. They were a great bunch of kids, willing to work hard and train. I hope they keep swimming all year and come out for the team next fall," Coach Jim Repp said.

Knowing how much these Knights enjoyed the water and the competition, chances were excellent that they would be on the blocks next year, as the starter said, "Swimmers take your mark . . ."

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**1 — 1982 Swim Team: Front Row** — Gregg Williams, Andy May, Jack Long, Cindy Gluck, Bobie Hall, Betsy Coffin, Raedene Turco, Kenra Bott, Wendy Tillery, James Pearce, Scott Sutton, Shawn Smitter. **Second Row** — Coach Sandra McCready, Todd Lake, Susan Gordon, Debbie Siltzer, Toni Griffin, Lori Hayworth, Michelle Sutton, Michelle Easterly, Debbie DeArmond, Debbie Schaaf, Maurice McGriff, Coach Jim Repp. **Back Row** — John Preuss, Joe Lipka, Nick Cooley, Darlene Dials, Debbie Tessier, Jeanette Dials, Tracy Jordan, Kenlyn Dowty, Neal Fowler, Scott Brown, David Manookian. **2** — Nick Cooley and Debbie Siltzer cheered on teammate Tony Giffin as she left the starting block. **3** — Showing great stamina while swimming the butterfly was Sophomore Todd Lake. **4** — The swimmers took their marks . . . and North's meet with Cape Coral resulted in a splashing victory for both Red Knight teams. **5** — Good form, ability, and determination went into making Scott Brown a champion diver.

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*1982 Swim Team*

| NHS | Boys | OPP |
|---|---|---|
| 51 | Fort Myers | 69 |
| 32 | Port Charlotte | 83 |
| 68 | Cape Coral | 41 |
| 78 | Riverdale | 42 |
| 65 | Barron Collier | 59 |
| 59 | Cypress Lake | 67 |
| 49 | Charlotte | 68 |
| 37 | Lely | 87 |
| 51 | Naples | 67 |

**Season Record: 3-6**

| NHS | Girls | OPP |
|---|---|---|
| 41 | Fort Myers | 81 |
| 53 | Port Charlotte | 71 |
| 65 | Cape Coral | 53 |
| 69 | Riverdale | 46 |
| 37 | Barron Collier | 83 |
| 47 | Cypress Lake | 77 |
| 49 | Charlotte | 74 |
| 43 | Lely | 79 |
| 57 | Naples | 66 |

**Season Record: 2-7**

**1 — Red Knight Wrestling Team: Front Row** — Josh Gray, Lee Snyder, Rodney King, Sean Meyers, Mike Wright. **Second Row** — Pat Wright, Robert Nein, Chris Hartnett, Jack Long, John Harwood. **Back Row** — Coach Frank Drake, Matt Grant, Brian Makar, Don Estlund, Jeff Hess. **2** — North's Calvin Walker goes for a take down in the 4th period of his match against Lely. **3** — Red Knight Captain Jack Long issues a head and arm lock on his opponent from Cape Coral.

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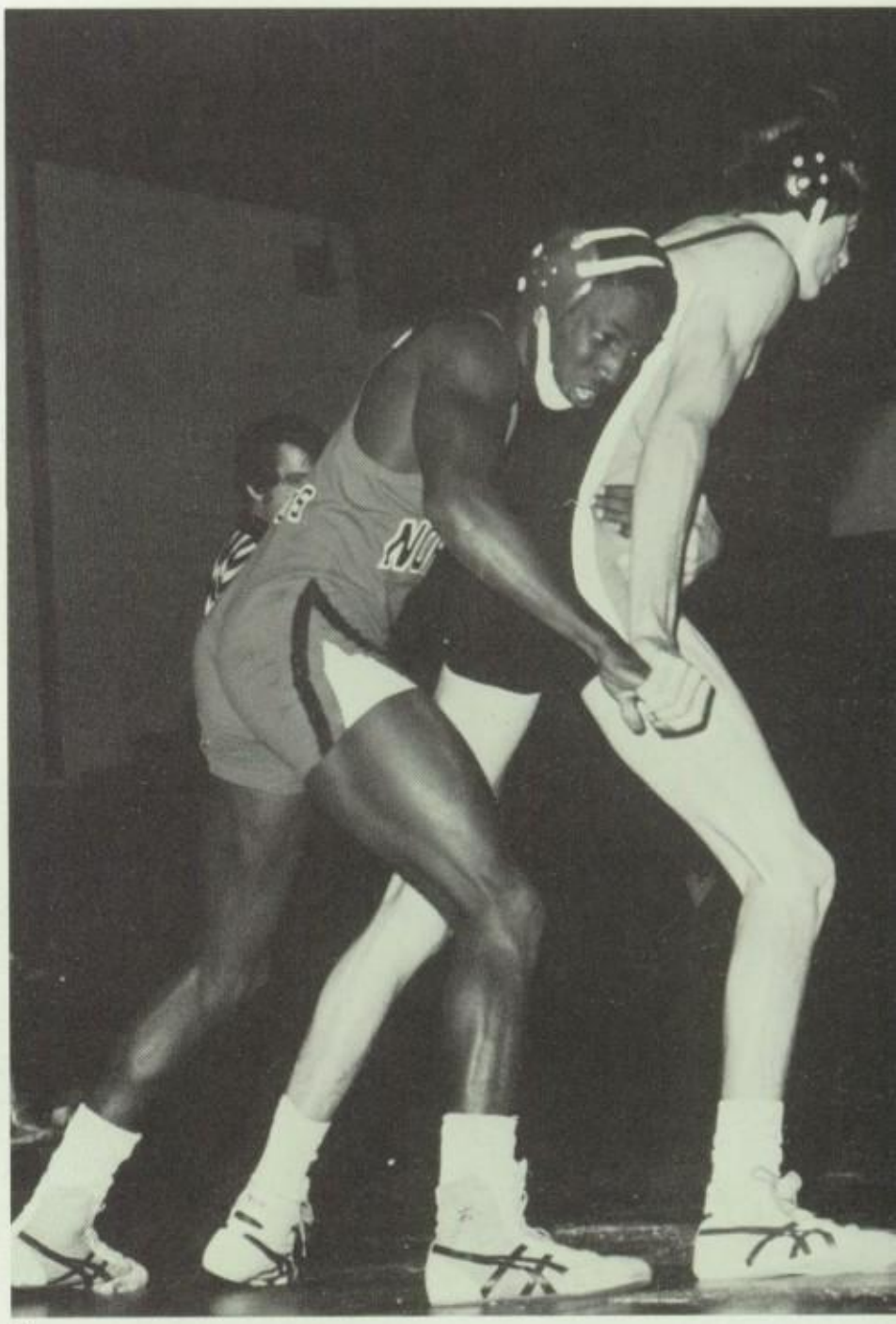

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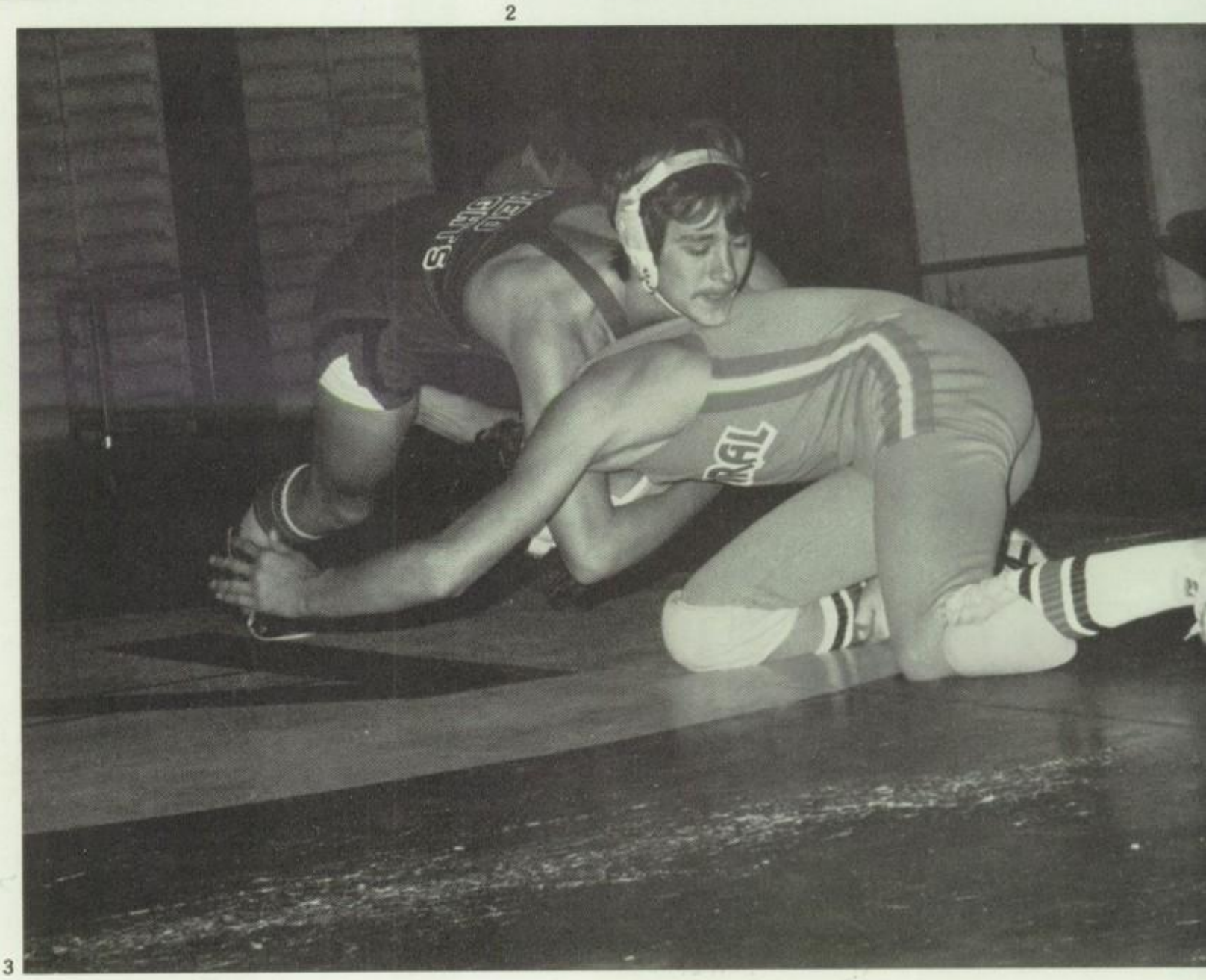

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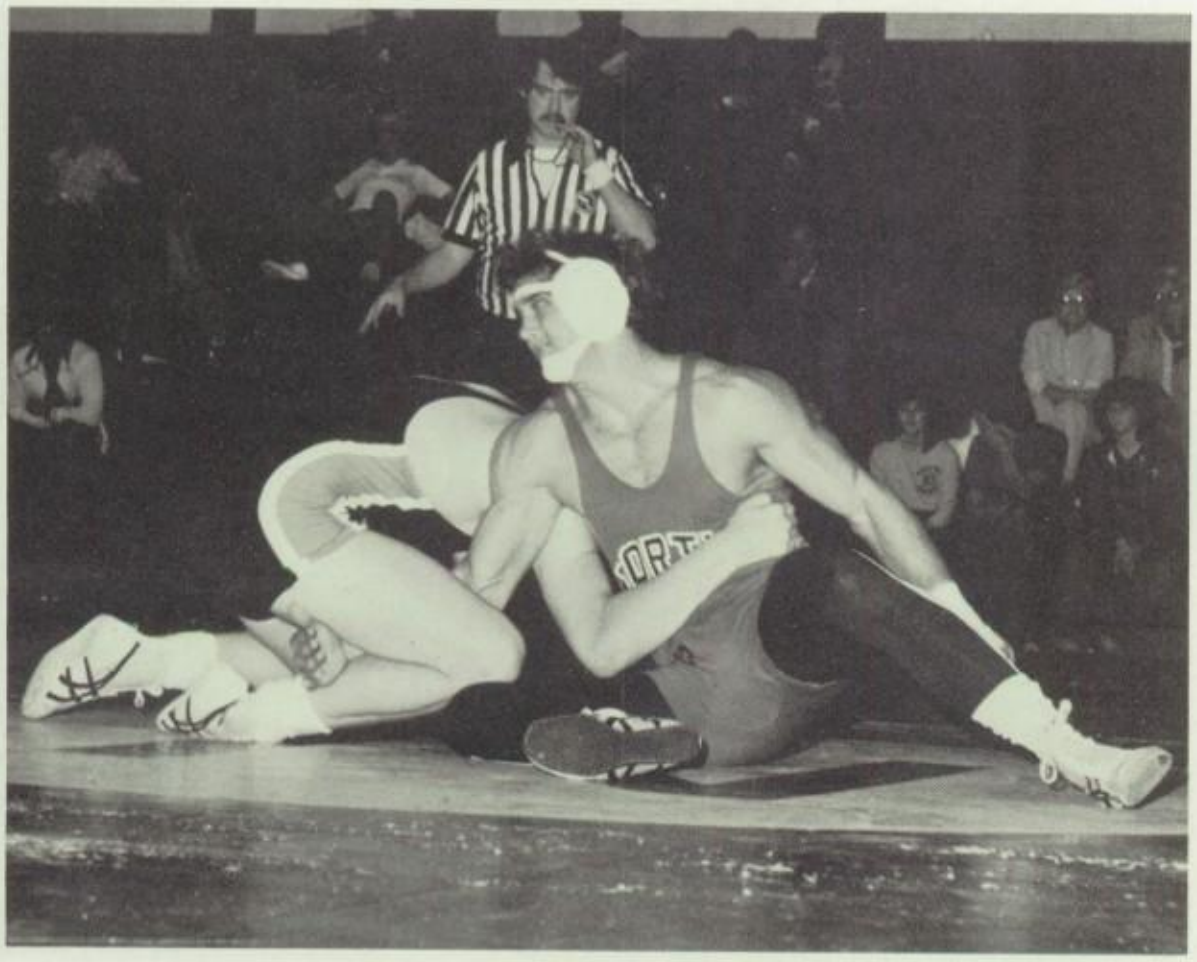
Brian Makar saw an open move and attempted to capitalize on it against his Lely opponent.



**1983 Red Knight Wrestling**

| NHS | | OPP | NHS | | OPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | P. Charlotte | 60 | 12 | Riverdale | 48 |
| 28 | Charlotte | 45 | 41 | P. Charlotte | 21 |
| 19 | Riverdale | 54 | 45 | Immokolee | 21 |
| 12 | Collier | 63 | 28 | Cape Coral | 39 |
| 25 | Cypress | 42 | 22 | Ft. Myers | 42 |
| 24 | Venice | 48 | 27 | Cape Coral | 44 |
| 9 | Naples | 54 | 5 | Lely | 67 |

**Season Record: 2-12**

# Down With a Twist

Most of us think of wrestlers as big overweight men who jump around a ring throwing themselves and their opponents here and there, twisting legs into unnatural positions. This does no justice to the highly conditioned and strictly trained individuals who compete in high school wrestling.

The team went through a very strenuous daily practice which included a great deal of exercise. 150 pushups, 100 situps, and leg lifts, were completed along with a brisk 3 mile run. Coach Frank Drake stressed physical fitness and endurance to all his boys.

In order to qualify to wrestle at a meet each competitor had to weigh in for his particular weight class. The weight classes consisted of 101, 108, 115, 122, 129, 135, 141, 148, 158, 170, 188, 223, and unlimited pounds. If the wrestler was over his weight limit and no other members could qualify, the team was forced to forfeit that match, thus giving the opposing team 6 points without even having a contest.

The 1983 wrestling coach was again Coach Frank Drake. Coach Drake was a unique coach in that he actually worked out with his players. In this manner he was able to relate to them from a personal standpoint while teaching the fundamentals of the sport. He asked nothing more from his players than he was not willing to put forth himself.

Daily workouts were held in Room 102, which during the school day was one of the massive Fine Arts Studios. By pushing tables, seats, and equipment aside and lining the floor with wrestling mats, it was instantly transformed into a modern wrestling facility.

Wrestling called for physical contact with instant calculation, decision making, determination, and endurance. It meant controlling ones own sweating, straining body while trying to anticipate one's opponents strategies.

Through hard work and dedication, three wrestlers were able to conquer all challengers. Jack Long wrestled in the 121 pound class and finished the season with a 17-4-1 record, scoring 9 of his victories with pins. This was Jack's first year wrestling for North as he was a transfer student from Ohio. He went on through district and regional to represent North at State.

Josh Gray, who wrestled in the 129 pound class was able to achieve a 17-4 record which included 3 pins. As Josh was only a junior, Coach Drake saw a promising future for him in this sport. Josh won at district and qualified for state competition with his performance at regional.

The last member of the trio, Brian Makar turned in an excellent 18-3-1 record for North High, making 6 pins. Brian wrestled in the 224 pound class and was also a 2 year letterman in the sport.

1983 proved to be a rather disappointing one for the J.V. wrestling team as they never seemed able to get their season started. Due to an extremely low turnout the squad was forced frequently to forfeit far too many matches for them to ever prove victorious.

Coach Drake hoped this year the framework had been laid and that in 1984 more Knights would be willing to accept the "wrestling challenge." It would mean hard work and dedication, but the personal satisfaction and team identification would make it worthwhile.

**1 — 1982-83 Red Knight Varsity Boys Basketball: Front Row** — James Giles, John Cummings, James Delanie, Joe Williams, Paul Davis. **Back Row** — Vincent Mitchell, Al Jenkins, Calvin Walker, Ed Jackson, Ed Williams, Neal Jackson. **2** — Showing his excellent physical ability, Vincent Mitchell shot the ball over his opponents outstretched arm for another two points. **3** — Against Cypress, Ed Williams shot for "2" while Ed Jackson moved into position beneath the basket to control the rebound. Al Jenkins moved into the action to assist where needed. North defeated the Panthers 67-66. **4** — Red Knight James Giles brought the ball down the court with determination and ease.

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**Boys Varsity Basketball**

| NHS | | OPP |
|---|---|---|
| 47 | Immokalee | 48 |
| 74 | Bishop Verot | 44 |
| 84 | Clewiston | 82 |
| 67 | Charlotte | 73 |
| 69 | Collier | 75 |
| 54 | Cypress Lake | 77 |
| 75 | Naples | 80 |
| 53 | Bishop Verot | 52 |
| 54 | Collier | 46 |
| 65 | Brandon | 82 |
| 63 | Riverdale | 69 |
| 50 | Venice | 54 |
| 69 | Cape Coral | 55 |
| 50 | Fort Myers | 52 |
| 51 | Lely | 63 |
| 59 | Charlotte | 66 |
| 68 | Collier | 58 |
| 67 | Cypress Lake | 66 |
| 64 | Naples | 72 |
| 71 | Riverdale | 74 |
| 57 | Clewiston | 53 |
| 74 | Bishop Verot | 45 |
| 57 | Cape Coral | 50 |
| 91 | Venice | 75 |
| 71 | Fort Myers | 73 |
| 44 | Lely | 61 |
| 72 | Lemon Bay | 62 |

**Season Record: 12-15**

# Shoot for Two

For those on the varsity basketball team the 1982-83 season was one mixed with many extremes. At times North played brilliantly, silencing their critics and then turned around to lose by just a few points when they should have won.

Opening against Immokalee in the Coke Tournament, North lost a heartbreaker by 1 point, but came back in the consolation game with a 74-44 rout of Bishop Verot. The regular season began at home against Clewiston. The Tigers took the lead in the first quarter and held it throughout the game. With six seconds remaining on the clock, North's Ed Williams sent it into O.T. Both teams chipped in 8 points, tieing the game 82-82. Neal Jackson tipped the ball in as the buzzer sounded, making it 84-82 for the Knights.

Unfortunately North lost their next four games against Charlotte, Collier, Cypress Lake and Naples. Then North redeemed themselves by winning against Bishop Verot 53-52 and in their first game in the News Press Tournament against Collier, 54-46. The second round game against Brandon found North again "biting the bullet," 82-65.

Dropping their 11th and 12th games to Riverdale (69-63) and Venice (54-50), the Knights began to lose self-confidence. A visit by the Cape Seahawks helped restore North's spirit, as the running Knights shattered their rivals, 69 to 55.

The Ft. Myers-North game was an exciting evening of basketball. Ft. Myers edged the Knights 52-50 in O.T. North's reputation in "round ball" took a beating in their next game. Opening the game with a 3-point first quarter, the Knights proceeded to fall behind by 19 at the half, and only late in the game did they make dhe final score respectable, losing to Lely, 63-51.

Hosting Charlotte, North again met defeat 56-50, but sprung back quickly taking Collier 68-58. Then it was time to again face the highly ranked Cypress Panthers. Coach Lavon Simms and his Knights were ready and never let their opponents get too far ahead. "Jenkins sunk a free throw with 5 seconds to play that put it away 67-66. The victory was a team effort," commented Coach Simms.

Still celebrating, North let Naples slip by, 72-64. On February 4, they took on conference leader Riverdale at home. Both teams noted for their fast-paced offense, made it a real contest. The Knights lost 74-71. In their next game against Clewiston, North overcame a sluggish first-half performance to post a 57-53 victory. Taking control of the action in the first quarter North blew Bishop Verot away in their last home game, 74-45. Then they closed out the season with four on the road against Cape Coral, Venice, Fort Myers, and Lely, posting 2 wins and 2 losses.

Offensive leaders for the Knights during the 1982-83 season were Paul Davis, James Giles, and Al Jenkins, averaging 12 points a game and Ed Jackson pumping in 9 points. James Giles and Vincent Mitchell sparked the defense, with Mitchell being given the task of always containing the opposition's leading scorer. Bench strength and determination were additional pluses for North, while inconsistency and lack of experience were their nemesis. It was a year of trial, but one of exciting, first rate Red Knight basketball.

**1 — J.V. Red Knight Basketball Team: Front Row** — Steve Pate, Dion Sanders, Carl Douglas, Anthony Chapman. **Back Row** — Coach Tom Pacl, Jerry Ashley, Nathanial Brand, Robert Morgan, Roscoe Thurman, Mark Chester. **2** — A time out gave Coach Pacl a few minutes to alter the defensive strategy with the first five. **3** — Up in the air for a sure 2 points for North was Roscoe Thurman. **4** — Anthony Chapman attempted to get the ball past the outstretched arms of the Viking defense and to teammates James Albritton or Mark Chester.

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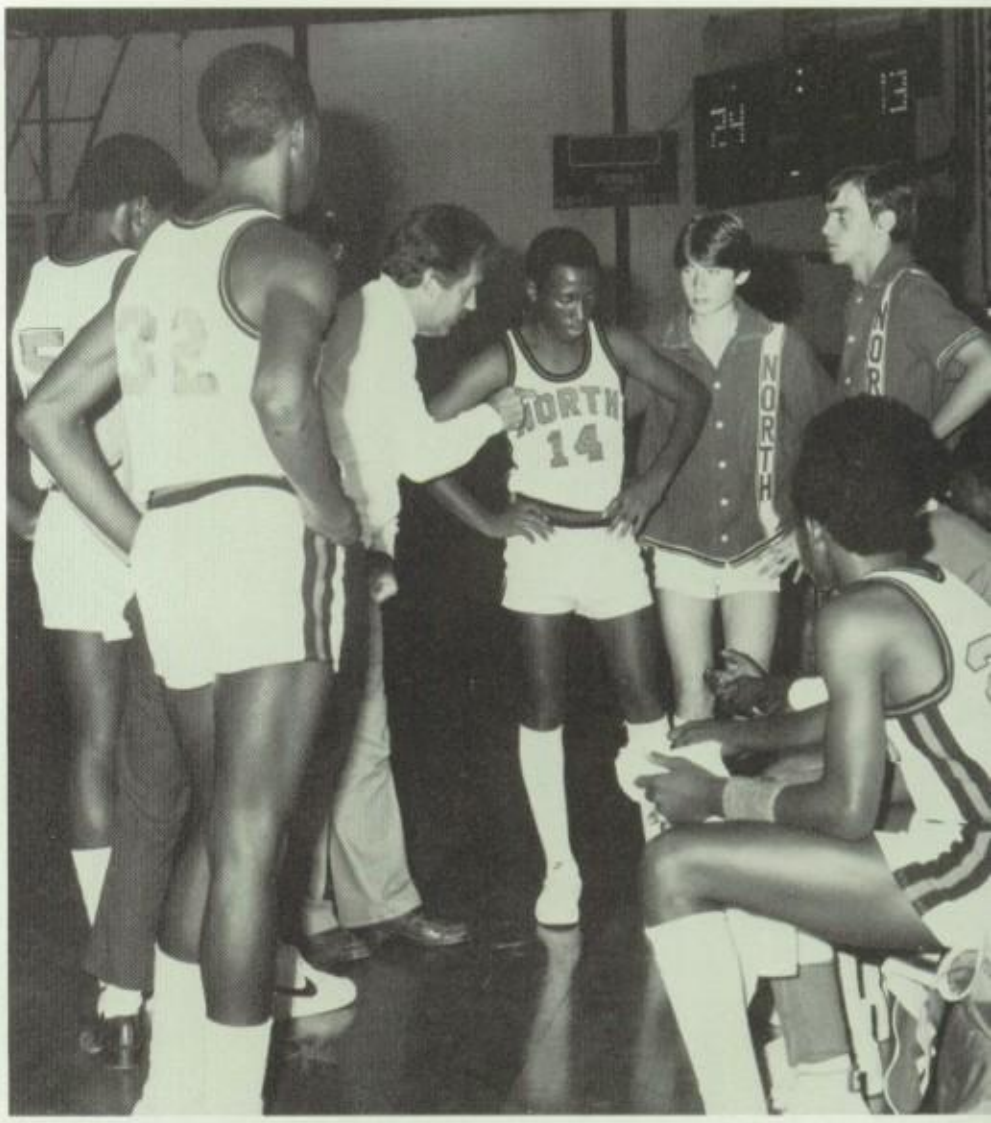


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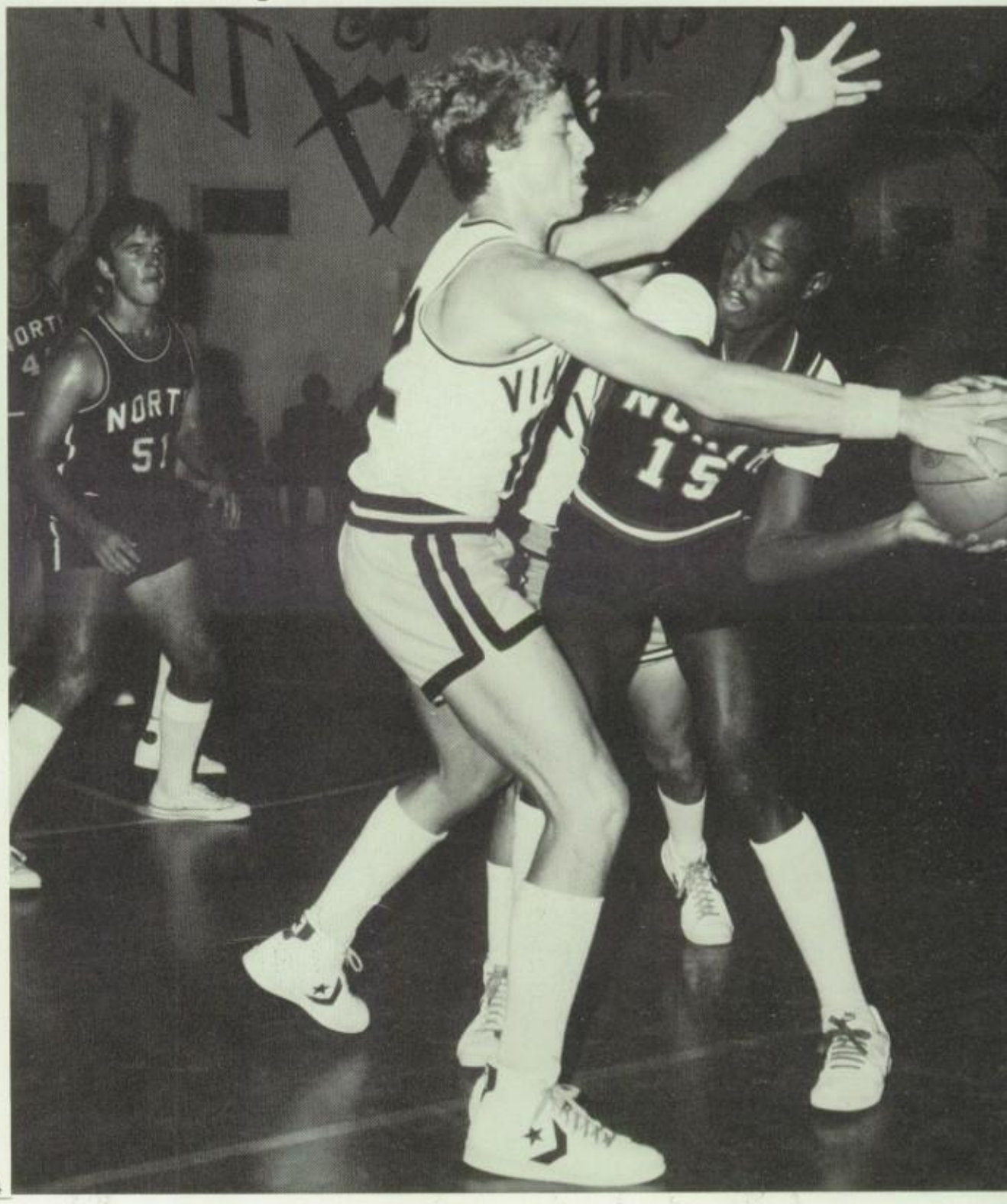


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# Quick on the Court

Hard work, lots of practice, determination, and team effort were just a few of the ingredients that spelled success for the Red Knight Junior Varsity Basketball Team. The young men who comprised the squad stood proud throughout the season as their victories made them the winningest North team during the winter sports season.

Disappointed during the early days of the season by the loss of their centers, one to grades and the other to a transfer, these freshmen and sophomores knew their only hope for successful win-loss record would be by following Coach Tom Pacl's game plan and devoting themselves to mastering the fundamentals of the sport.

Even the discouraging practice time of 6:30-8:30 p.m. didn't dampen the spirit and enthusiasm of these dedicated round-ballers. They worked continuously on the fast break, sound passing, lay-ups, set shots, tip-ins, free throws, the zone, one-on-one, and rebounding. They knew both a sound defense and aggressive offensive were essential. Although the final numbers on the scoreboard told the story, it was not only the baskets, but the assists, blocked shots, and rebounds that greatly determined points scored.

Offensive standouts for the young Knights were Dion Sanders who averaged 17 points a game, Craig Ramsey with a 15 point average, and Carl Douglas who could be counted on for about 10 points each game. Defensively it was Nate Brand and Roscoe Thurman who made things happen for North. None of these players would have been successful without the strength of the players who rode the bench and came in periodically to give the starters a rest.

Basketball was an exciting game for the spectator and the player. The action was fast, the thrills were plentiful . . . especially Red Knight J.V. style. Craig Ramsey summed it up by saying, "We worked and practiced hard but enjoyed ourselves. It was well worth the effort, as we were #1 Red Knights and "quick on the court."

Red Knight Dion Sanders completed the successful pass that allowed teammate Carl Douglas to shoot "two." The Bishop Verot defense was caught flatfooted.

**1983 Red Knight Boys J.V. Basketball**

| NHS | | OPP | NHS | | OPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 60 | Clewiston | 53 | 65 | Charlotte | 47 |
| 61 | Charlotte | 39 | 52 | Collier | 49 |
| 71 | Collier | 41 | 41 | Cypress Lake | 39 |
| 48 | Cypress Lake | 34 | 48 | Naples | 46 |
| 44 | Naples | 27 | 49 | Riverdale | 67 |
| 74 | Bishop Verot | 53 | 60 | Clewiston | 54 |
| 54 | Riverdale | 53 | 83 | Bishop Verot | 51 |
| 72 | Venice | 57 | 80 | Cape Coral | 49 |
| 64 | Cape Coral | 62 | 43 | Ft. Myers | 51 |
| 42 | Ft. Myers | 44 | 41 | Lely | 44 |
| 53 | Lely | 56 | 71 | Venice | 57 |

**Season Record: 17-5**

# Dedication, Determination, and Drive

The 1983 Varsity Lady Knights were a superb example of team spirit and unwillingness to accept defeat. They faced many obstacles such as lack of funds and lack of spirited support from fans, but they were able to overcome these barriers with hard work and team cooperation.

A major disadvantage felt by the team was the loss of last year's seniors. "It was hard for the team to start off a season efficiently or effectively with all new and inexperienced players," said Coach John Pate. "I developed a lot of admiration for these girls; they never gave up."

Every afternoon from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. the girls tried to overcome their inexperience with hard work. They practiced hard: running, passing, dribbling, shooting, learning to move with coordination, and use both hands with equal dexterity. "Sometimes Coach pushed us really hard, but then we were the ones that benefited," Diane Lytle explained.

"The only thing I felt was tough to put up with was the uniforms," said Susan Meyerson, a key player on the team. "It was a little difficult to get psyched up when your uniform was uncomfortable and so old it smelled."

The team started with eight players: freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Due to injuries and illness it was necessary to pull girls up from the J.V. squad during the season. After the J.V. squad completed the Lely game on January 29, their coach Sylvester Issac forfeited the last five games so his squad could move up to the Varsity in its entirety. This gave the Lady Knights bench strength. "It was hard to work with so few players," explained Shelia Erwin. "Y got tired running, running, running wh there was no one to come off the bench a give you a breather."

The outstanding offensive player for t Lady Knights this year was Freshman Gua Debra Riggins who averaged 14 points p game. Defensive standout was Juni Center Susan Meyerson, who accounted f an average of 3 block shots and 15 rebou a game. The two ladies served as tea co-captains.

The season's games may not have turn out as well as the team had hoped, but the dedicated Knights performed with det mination and drive. They knew they we building for the future and the teams th played knew our Ladies would return ne year, with increased skill and ability.

**1982-83 Lady Knights Varsity Basketball**

| NHS | | OPP | NHS | | OPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | Port Charlotte | 40 | 64 | Charlotte | 72 |
| 40 | Charlotte | 64 | 44 | Collier | 73 |
| 32 | Collier | 61 | 45 | Cypress Lake | 13 |
| 54 | Cypress Lake | 14 | 39 | Lely | 66 |
| 50 | Bishop Verot | 41 | 39 | Port Charlotte | 53 |
| 44 | Naples | 48 | 32 | Naples | 49 |
| 41 | Riverdale | 49 | 36 | Riverdale | 51 |
| 31 | Clewiston | 60 | 42 | Clewiston | 72 |
| 45 | Cape Coral | 51 | 48 | Bishop Verot | 46 |
| 32 | Ft. Myers | 70 | 30 | Cape Coral | 42 |
| 40 | Lely | 72 | 41 | Ft. Myers | 59 |

**Season Record: 3-19**

Leading rivals Cypress Lake 34-8, Coach Pate and his "Ladies" plan a bit of strategy.

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**1** — On the fast break Shauna LaPosta received the ball from teammate Shelia Erwin. **2** — **1983 Lady Knight Varsity Basketball Team:** Lori Hayworth, Toni Cole, Deborah Riggins, Diane Lytle, Shelia Erwin, Regina Belongia, Shauna LaPosta. **3** — North's leading scorer Deborah Riggins goes up for another sure two points. **4** — Susan Meyerson showed her defensive skills by blocking the shot of a Cypress Lake player as Deborah Riggins moved up to assist.

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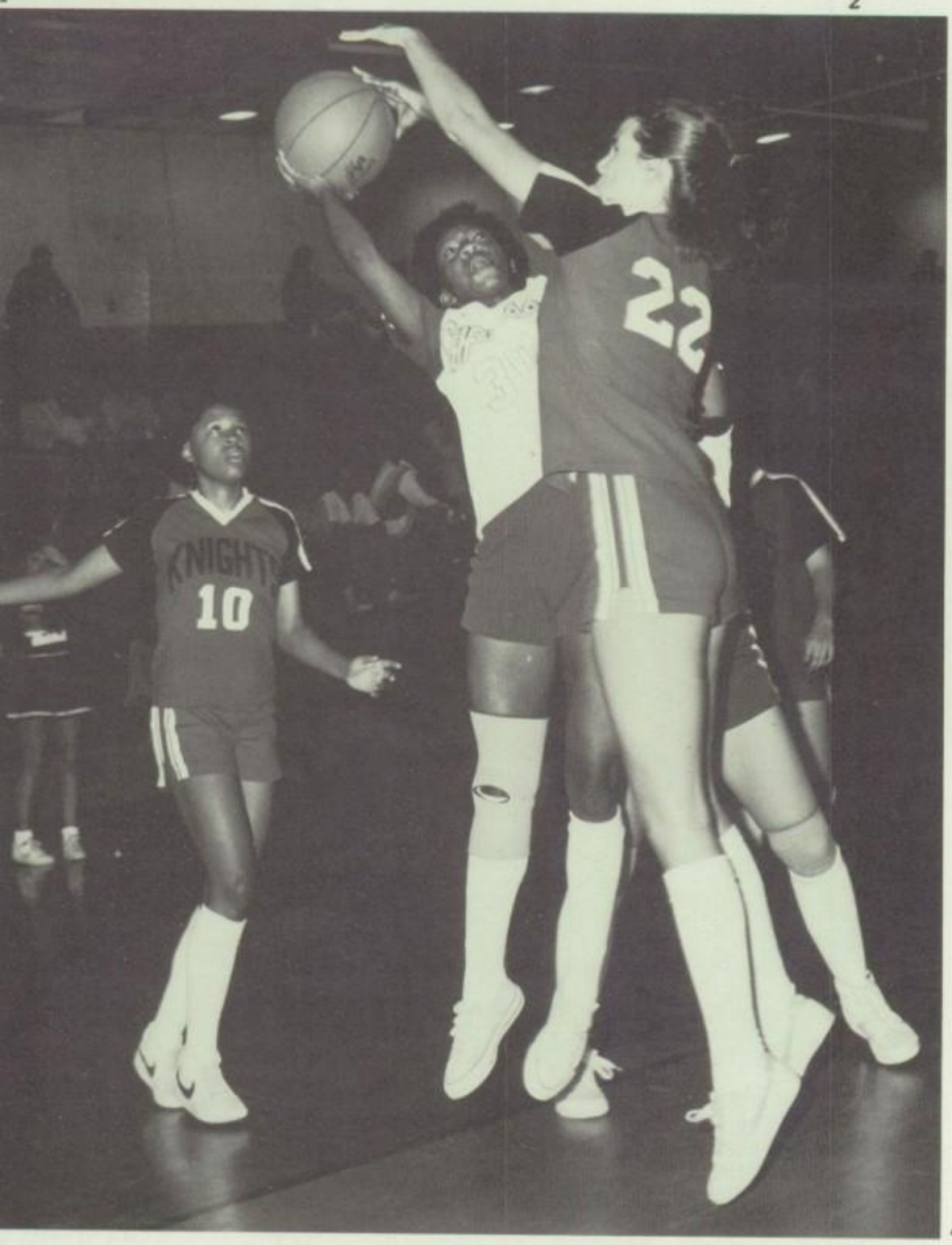


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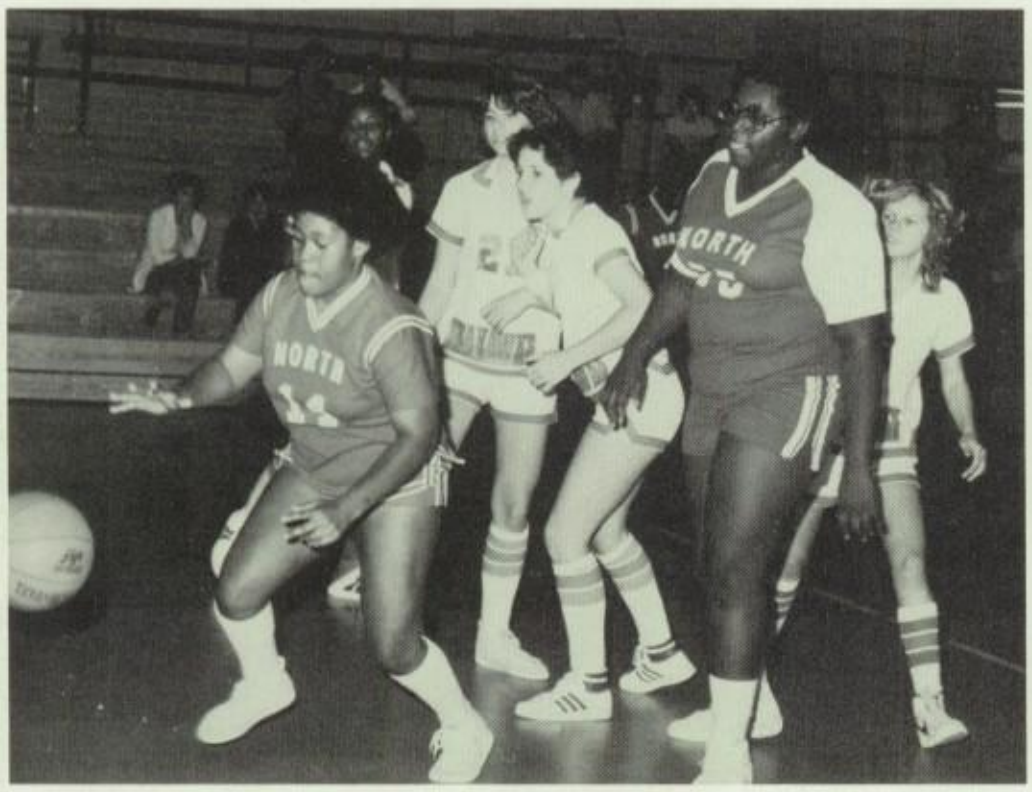
**1** — Felcia Jackson scurried to pick up the loose ball when it bounced off her foot during the game with the Cape Coral Seahawks. Teammate Tracey Battle watched the action, ready to assist. **2** — Lady Knight Lori Kingsbury drove the ball past Seahawk Stillman (11).



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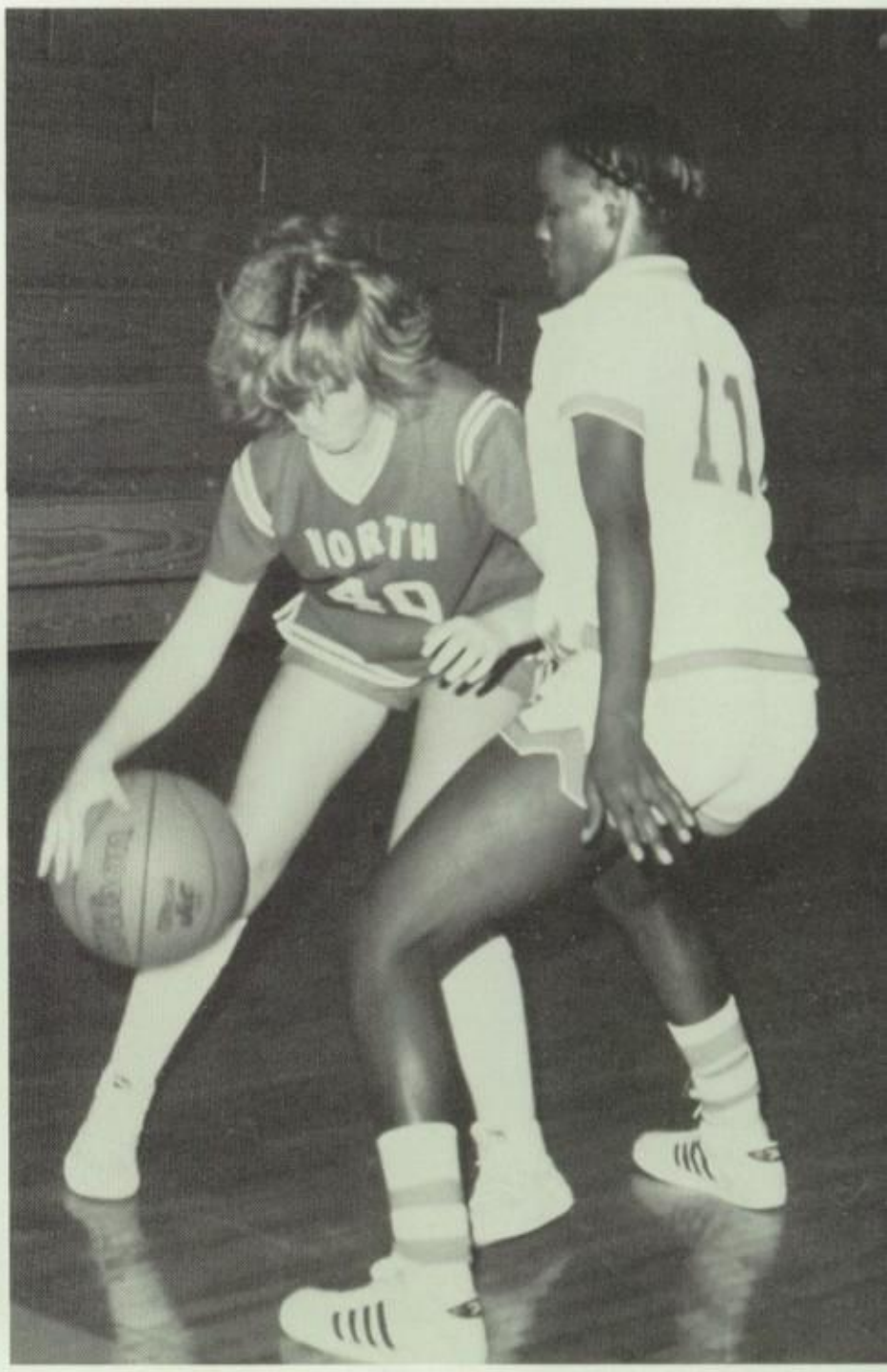

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# Learning the Plays

Setting it up, tipping it in, running drills, conditioning, learning plays, working on defense, shooting from all over the floor . . . practicing, practicing, practicing. This was the every day routine for the Junior Varsity Lady Knights. They practiced every school day for over an hour, often joining the varsity for a scrimmage game.

The girls J.V. basketball team was a small group in number, but their spirit and willingness made up for their lack of bodies. They strove to learn the basics, to improve their ball handling, and to work as a team. Coach Sylvester Issac implemented a "slowed down" offense this year, forcing his inexperienced squad to set up their offense and run patterned plays.

The team had a rough season as far as their win-loss record was concerned, but they didn't let it get them down. They knew they were improving game after game and that helped them keep a positive attitude. As Sophomore Felcia Jackson said, "We just knew there were better days ahead. We all worked together and enjoyed playing."

The main purpose of the J.V. team was to teach young women the sport of basketball and hope their ability and interest remained high so they would try out for the varsity at a future time. One young lady learned so quickly and showed such potential, she was moved up to the varsity squad half-way through the season. This was Sophomore Forward Patricia Luster.

One of the major problems plaguing the entire girls athletics program throughout 1982-83 year was lack of interest. Coac Issac knew there were other capabl freshmen and sophomore girls in the studer body who would have been a real asset t the basketball squad, but it was difficult t recruit them. He said, "They were eithe afraid they wouldn't be good enough or ju didn't want to get involved. It's too bad, lik everything else, we all had to start at th beginning, learn how to do or play things . . and if you don't get involved in somethin how will you ever know what you'd enjoy."

Hats off to the young ladies who trie Whenever the J.V. Lady Knights took to th court on behalf of North High, their spi and determination sparkled and Red Knig pride in them soared.

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**1 — J.V. Lady Knights Basketball Team: Front Row —** Debbie DeArmond, Alicia Garrett, Patricia Luster, Felcia Jackson, Coach Sylvester Issac. **Back Row —** Linda Barksdale, Lori Kingsbury, Tracey Battle, Julie Koehler, Heather Field. **2 —** Eye on the basket, ready to score was Lady Knight Patricia Luster. **3 —** Is it a basketball game or a free-for-all? Caught in a moment of frenzied action Cape Coral Seahawks and the Young Lady Knights battled for possession of the round ball. North's Lori Kingsbury, Tracey Battle, and Heather Field joined in the foray.

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**J.V. Girls Basketball**

| NHS | | OPP |
|---|---|---|
| 19 | Port Charlotte | 24 |
| 26 | Charlotte | 30 |
| 22 | Collier | 32 |
| 35 | Cypress Lake | 6 |
| 17 | Naples | 39 |
| 25 | Bishop Verot | 27 |
| 24 | Riverdale | 30 |
| 8 | Cape Coral | 39 |
| 27 | Lely | 54 |
| 42 | Charlotte | 59 |
| 12 | Collier | 69 |
| 13 | Lely | 49 |

**Season Record: 1-11**

**'82 Boys' Track and Field**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Riverdale** | **1/2** |
| **Lee Invitational** | **5/5** |
| **Ft. Myers** | **3/4** |
| **Charlotte** | **2/3** |
| **Cape Coral** | **3/3** |
| **Edison Relays** | **18/19** |
| **Collier** | **2/2** |
| **Conference** | **7/10** |

**1** — During the 1982 season distance runners from Charlotte, Collier and North left the starting line for their grueling 2-mile run. **2** — As the starter's gun sounded Fred Satchel broke out of the starting block for the 440 relay. **3** — A popular field event was the discus throw. Showing championship form during the 1982 season was Robert Nein.

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**'83 Boys' Track and Field**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **March** | **4** | **Lee County** |
| | **8** | **Ft. Myers** |
| | **11** | **Venice** |
| | **15** | **Port Charlotte/Verot** |
| | **18** | **Barron Collier** |
| | **22** | **Charlotte/Verot** |
| | **25** | **Edison Relays** |
| | **29** | **Lely** |
| **April** | **12** | **Barron Collier** |
| | **15** | **Sea Hawks Relays** |
| | **19** | **Riverdale/P. Charlotte** |
| | **20** | **Conference** |
| | **29** | **District** |
| **May** | **5** | **Regional** |

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# Knight Olympians

Competition in track and field dates back to ancient Greece and Rome. Perfection of the body and good health were as important to these original Olympians as it is to our modern athletes. Times and distances have continually improved throughout the years, as dietary and medical discoveries helped to improve the capabilities of the human body. We know we have come a long way when more and more runners continue to near Sebastian Coe's world record mile time.

The 1982 Red Knight Boys Track Team did not suffer from lack of ability, but they did lack sufficient numbers. Throughout their season they excelled in many events, but lost meets due to a lack of participants. Often a victory was snatched from their grasp because they could not field that second or third participant in an event.

This year's Boys Track Team started its year on February 1 under the direction of Head Coach Wade Hummel and his assistant Roger Pritchard. Extensive weightlifting, running, and an exercise program were used to condition the boys and prepare them for competition. Physical fitness, self discipline, strength, and endurance were important for all participants, while speed was a major asset to runners.

Track and field meets occasionally found North competing against just one opponent, but more often 3 or more schools met on the field of competition at the same time. Usually the boys and girls competed at the same meet, alternating events and scoring seperately. At other times only the runners were called to action as in the case of the Seahawk and Fort Myers Relays.

To increase interest in the sport of Track and Field among athletes and support for the team from the student body were two of the aims of the program this year. Knowing their initial strength lay in the track events of distance and sprints, thanks to a fine cross country team led by Tom Tisell and the return of sprinters Calvin Walker, Ralph Black, James Holland and Warren Williams, they worked with other individuals in the skills necessary for hurdling, jumping, pole vaulting, shot putting, and discus throwing.

The upcoming season approached with the team filled with eager anticipation and hope. They counted on a season of improvements with many victories belonging to the Red Knights of North High.

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**1** — Ralph Black goes up and over and challenged his opponents to match him or better him. **2 — 1983 Boys' Track and Field Team: Front Row** — Keith Edge, Richard Whitney, Chris Hartnett, Kevin Chalmers, Jesse Whitte. **Back Row** — Albert Knighten, Ronnie Morgan, Steve Muri, Roscoe Thurman, Tom Tisell, Walter Ratliff, Robert Nein, Ralph Black.

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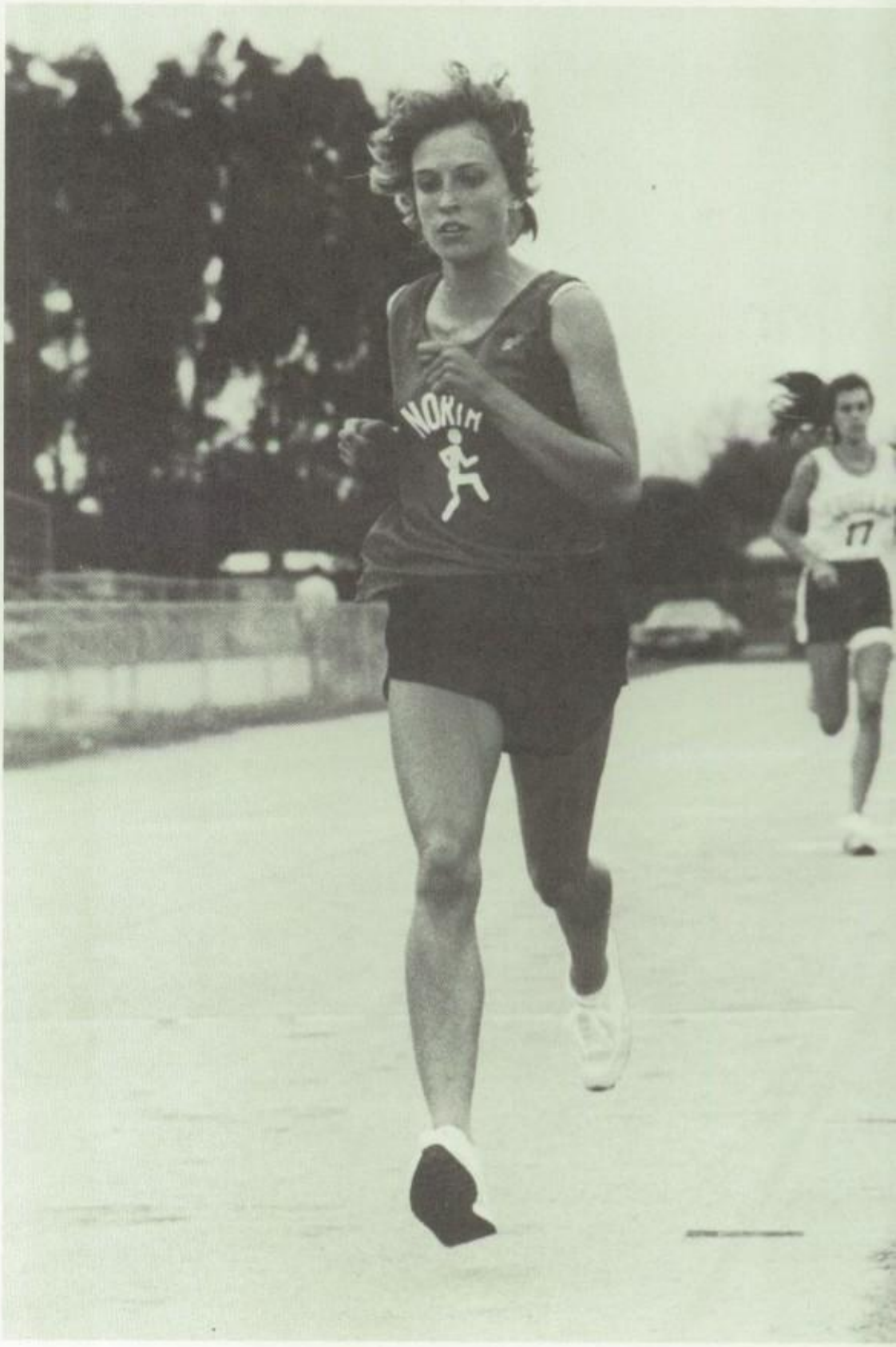


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**1** — Linda Yslas, Maria Castaldo, Cindy Weber, and Teresa Roof competed against the Baron Collier Cougars in an exhausting 1-mile run at the North Stadium during the 1982 season. **2 — 1983 Girls Track and Field Team: Front Row** — Catherine Lewis, Melody Addison, Shelley Lewis, Dee Henry, Cindy Weber, Raedene Turco, Teresa Roof, Betsy Coffin. **Second Row** — Coach Steve Frank, Annette Bellamy, Alicia Johnson, Candace Boring, Jeanee Totherow, Sharon Hibbert, Tammy Wittwer, Marsha Addison, Cathy Boring, Cindy Clark, Coach Melody Mitchitell. **Third Row** — Diana Cosby, Bernicene Coleman, April Brown, Madeline Concepcion, Anita Kearse, Dionne Cody. **Back Row** — Delores Linnon, Tammy Broxterman, Melissa Roof. **3** — Teresa Roof led the pack as she approached the finish line for another Red Knight victory. **4** — Attempting to shatter another school record Dee Henry pushed herself to the limit in the 220.

**1982 Girls' Track and Field**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Riverdale | 1/2 | Optimist Relays | 7/12 |
| Lee Co. Invitational | 1/5 | Cape Coral | 1/2 |
| Ft. Myers | 1/2 | Tarpon Relays | 6/18 |
| Eagle Invitational | 5/12 | Collier | 1/2 |
| Charlotte/P. Charlotte | 1/3 | Conference | 4/10 |

**1983 Girls' Track and Field**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March | 4 | Lee County | March | 29 | Lely |
| | 8 | Ft. Myers | April | 1 | Clewiston |
| | 11 | Venice | April | 12 | Collier |
| | 15 | P. Charlotte/Verot | | 15 | Red Knight |
| | 19 | Optimist | | 19 | Riverdale |
| | 22 | Charlotte/Verot | | 20 | Conference |
| | 25 | Tarpon Relays | | 29 | District |
| | | May 5 Regional | | | |

# Winners Take All

North's 1982 Girls' Track and Field season was a colossal success. Individual and team triumphs far exceeded pre-season expectations. School records tumbled as members of the team pushed themselves to run faster, jump farther, hurdle higher, and throw more powerfully.

At the Optimist Relays held in Lely, Dee Henry set a new school record while claiming victory with a time of 59.3 in the 440. She went on to place first in the long jump with a distance of 17 feet 1½ inches, and won second place in the 100 yard dash and the 220. Adding to the team's points were Teresa Roof with a fifth in the 880, Diana Cosby with a fifth in field competition, and Tara Maxey with a sixth in the shot put. North's relay team achieved a fourth place, while the mile medley took fifth.

In the Cape Coral meet Dee Henry posted two first places to boost the Red Knights to victory. Diana Cosby, Tara Maxey, and Cindy Bellamy also added points with their first and second place wins in the meet. Other first place finishes came in the meets with Riverdale, Ft. Myers, Charlotte, and Port Charlotte.

On March 26 at the Tarpon Relays more school records tumbled as Dee Henry excelled in the 220 and Jennifer Maxey captured the 100-low hurdles. At the trying Collier meet, North's girls placed extremely high 6 events: the long jump, the 100, the 200, the 440, the 880, and the mile medley relay.

Unfortunately the Charlotte High Track and Field Team captured the 1982 title for the South Florida Conference, although North's own Dee Henry stole the show. In this meet she took three first places in the long jump, the 100 yard dash, and the 220. Diana Cosby, Melody Addison, Tara Maxey, and Cindy Bellamy added points with their performances to help North capture fourth place.

The 1983 season looked very bright for North with many returning lettermen such as Dee Henry, Diana Cosby, Cindy Bellamy, Shelley Lewis, Melody Addison, and Teresa Roof. They hoped for many new faces and were a bit disappointed in the turnout, but with a strong nucleus and the superb coaching of Melody Mitchitell and Steve Frank, they counted on another season of record breaking times, heights, and distances. They knew this would be a year of individual and group achievement and one of victory for North Fort Myers High.

Head down, eye on the ball, Lady Knight Lori Dill prepared to smack one over the fence.

**1982 Red Knight Softball**

| NHS | | OPP | NHS | | OPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | Verot | 8 | 3 | Collier | 14 |
| 5 | Ft. Myers | 8 | 4 | Ft. Myers | 8 |
| 1 | Naples | 16 | 1 | Naples | 16 |
| 16 | Cypress | 11 | 5 | Cypress | 1 |
| 2 | Cape Coral | 17 | 6 | Cape Coral | 12 |
| 0 | Lely | 10 | 8 | Riverdale | 5 |
| 4 | Riverdale | 6 | 3 | Lely | 12 |
| 4 | Charlotte | 8 | 9 | Charlotte | 3 |
| 6 | Verot | 2 | 1 | Lemon Bay | 9 |

**Season Record: 6-12**

# Playing the Field

Lacking consistency, experience, and hitting power North's 1982 Softball team stumbled through a season of "ups and downs." At times they showed teamwork and "heads-up" offense and defense, but then would fall apart in their next outing.

The season started March 2 against Bishop Verot. Good hitting made up for the numerous errors in the field allowing North to win 9-8. Things then turned sour as North lost their next two games to Ft. Myers, 8-5, and Naples, 16-1. Ft. Myers started the game with 5 runs and the Red Knights didn't help matters by committing 5 quick errors. Then the defense settled down and played four innings of flawless ball, but even when the girls had the bases loaded twice in the final two innings they couldn't convert to a score.

On March 10 North came from behind to score 16 runs in the 6th and 7th innings to win over Cypress Lake, 16-11. Two days later on a trip to Cape Coral they showed their lack of experience again, as the Lady Seahawks rolled over them 17-2. North suffered their 4th, 5th, and 6th losses to Lely, 10-0; Riverdale, 6-4; and Charlotte, 8-4. A disappointed Head Coach Tom Pacl commented, "Numerous errors and ineffective hitting are keeping us from getting it together."

Against Bishop Verot, the Ladies again made the winner's circle taking the game, 6-2. The next three outings were disastrous, although individual play by Doreen Makar, Diane Lytle, Tracy Iverson, Kim Simons, and Shannon McIntosh offered bright spots. Batting was still weak even though Fanny Brown, Loretta Marinell, and Margie Nahalewski hit consistently. Scores: Collier 14, North 3; Ft. Myers 8, North 4; and Naples 16, North 1.

Cypress fell to the Knights. North kept the Panther runners off base with a nearly flawless defense. Loretta Marinell was a star in the outfield while Carolyn Winegardner and Margie Nahalewski made big plays in the infield. In their last four games of the 1982 season, North won two from Riverdale and Charlotte, and lost two to Cape Coral and Lely. At district, North found themselves seeded against Lemon Bay and the score of 1-9 didn't tell the entire story. The Lady Knights played well and loaded the bases in three different innings but couldn't score.

Practice for the 1983 season began in January. Coach Pacl and his assistant, Coach Fred Gebhard, were a bit concerned over their pitching strength, but when Senior Tracy Iverson showed up they knew they could relax and buckle down to working with the team on hitting and fielding. Every afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. the girls practiced at the Waterway Estates field. All female students were welcome to try out for the team. "If you can hit you'll play," said Coach Pacl. "We lacked hitting power last year, which put us in a rut. We're going to be working on the girls' potential batting power. Most girls can hit the ball, but never really know how to use their strength. We'll teach them."

The talent was there and a lot of effort, determination, and good coaching would make it pay off! This could be the year for these "Lady Knights."

| 1983 Softball | |
|---|---|
| March 1 | Bishop Verot |
| 2 | P. Charlotte |
| 4 | Lely |
| 8 | Riverdale |
| 9 | Cape Coral |
| 11 | Ft. Myers |
| 15 | Collier |
| 16 | Cypress Lake |
| 22 | Charlotte |
| 23 | Naples |
| 25 | Lely |
| 29 | Riverdale |
| 30 | Cape Coral |
| 31 | Bishop Verot |
| April 12 | Ft. Myers |
| 13 | Collier |
| 15 | Cypress Lake |
| 19 | P. Charlotte |
| 20 | Charlotte |
| 22 | Naples |

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**1** — After tagging the runner at second, Carolyn Winegardner prepared to fire the ball down to first place for a forced out. Outfielder Kim Simons ran in to back up the play. **2** — After arriving safely on first base Kim Simon gets a little coaching from fellow player Lisa Garrett. **3 — 1983 Girls Softball Team: Front Row** — Shannon McIntosh, Sheryl Miller, Tammy Griffin, Carolyn Winegardner. **Back Row** — Coach Fred Gebhard, Joni Jeffcoat, Ramona Harris, Kim Simons, Lisa Garrett, Coach Tom Pacl.

# Perfect Practice Makes Perfect

The 1982 Varsity Baseball season was one filled with tragedy and misfortune. A season heralded to be "the year of the Knights" turned out to be the worst ever experienced at North High.

On January 2 the varsity squad began to work out. With ten returning lettermen, the team was predicted to be "State Championship" bound. By following the motto of Head Coach Ted Ferreira, "Perfect Practice Makes Perfect," these dedicated Red Knights were determined to win.

Opening the season, February 19, against the 4A Sarasota Sailors, North took an early lead, 5-0. The Sailors took control in the 6th and 7th innings and turned things around, finally beating North 6-5.

Those kind of things seemed to happen to North during the following five games. The Knights would begin strong but end up losing. Going into the seventh game against Cypress Lake, North was 0-6. Instead of folding this time, North held on, finally putting one in the win column, 6-4.

In their next game against arch-rival Cape Coral, North broke loose winning the game 14-1 with a home run by Mike Greenwell and a grand slam by Joey Cross.

The fans and team were ecstatic, North was getting on the track at last. Then tragedy struck. On March 13, the day after North's blowout of Cape, All Southwest Florida Short Stop Joey Cross was killed in a boating accident that left teammate Scott Sushil with a broken neck. The next three games were cancelled as North tried to pu themselves together from this momentou loss.

On March 23, North began playing again Facing Venice at Terry Park, Jason Cash hi a 3-run double and Dusty Boyd a 2-run dou ble to help North win, 5-4. North wasn't a together yet though and dropped the nex two games before beating Naples, 5-3.

The following two games again spelle defeat for North, but on April 5 the Knight played a double header against Riverdale t make up for one cancelled game. North too both by the scores of 9-3 and 4-3. Lady luc still avoided the Knights though as the traveled to Lely for another double heade and lost both, 2-1 and 7-5.

**1982 Varsity Baseball**

| NHS | | OPP | NHS | | OPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Sarasota | 6 | 5 | Venice | 4 |
| 5 | Venice | 6 | 5 | Collier | 12 |
| 1 | Bishop Verot | 5 | 1 | Ft. Myers | 2 |
| 3 | Collier | 10 | 5 | Naples | 3 |
| 3 | Ft. Myers | 9 | 4 | Cypress | 5 |
| 5 | Naples | 11 | 2 | Cape Coral | 13 |
| 6 | Cypress | 4 | 4 | Riverdale | 3 |
| 14 | Cape Coral | 1 | 1 | Lely | 2 |
| 5 | Lely | 7 | 3 | Charlotte | 8 |
| 9 | Riverdale | 3 | | | |

**Season Record: 6-13**

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**1** — Behind the catcher's mask Red Knight Kenny Miller awaited the pitch. **2** — David Jerz warmed up his arm by throwing a few to teammate Kenny Miller. **3** — After each game the team got together and talked about their playing and then ended their evening with a prayer. **4** — North's Steve Dahlberg beat the throw by sliding into third.

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**1983 Varsity Baseball**

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| Feb. | 8 | Cape Coral |
| | 11 | Tournament |
| | 15 | Sarasota |
| | 22 | Venice |
| | 25 | Charlotte |
| March | 1 | Bishop Verot |
| | 2 | Port Charlotte |
| | 4 | Lely |
| | 8 | Riverdale |
| | 9 | Cape Coral |
| | 11 | Ft. Myers |
| | 15 | Barron Collier |
| | 16 | Cypress Lake |
| | 22 | Venice |
| | 23 | Naples |
| | 25 | Lely |
| | 29 | Riverdale |
| | 30 | Cape Coral |
| | 31 | Bishop Verot |
| April | 1 | Charlotte |
| | 4-9 | Terry Park Tourney |
| | 12 | Ft. Myers |
| | 13 | Barron Collier |
| | 15 | Cypress Lake |
| | 19 | Port Charlotte |
| | 22 | Naples |

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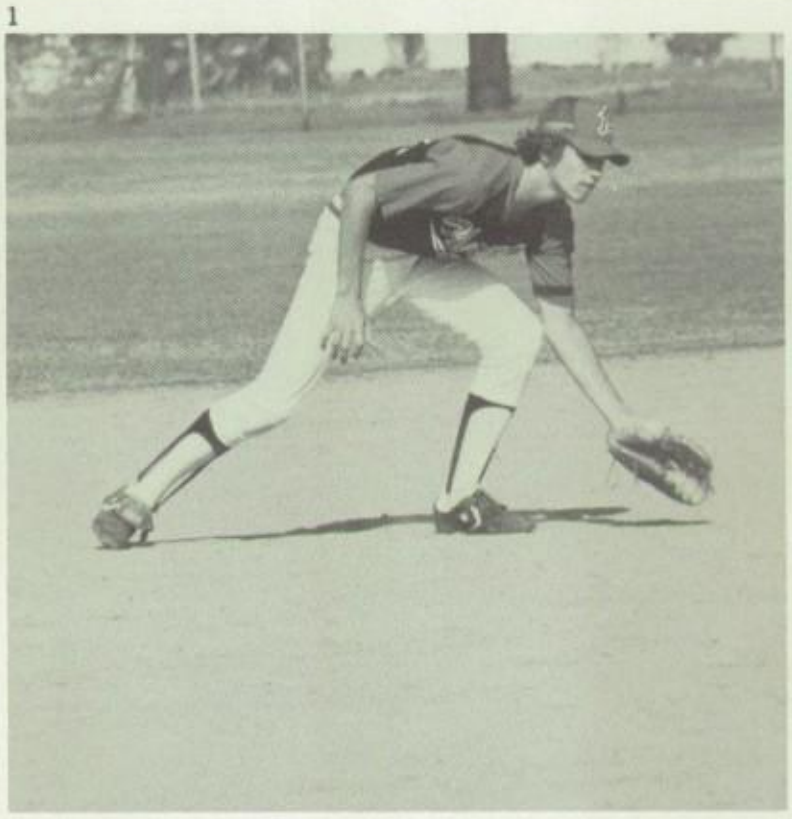

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**1** — Paul Drew safely hit the ball against Riverdale. **2** — Working his position in the infield, Joe Flinn scooped one up for an easy out at second. **3** — Eye on the batter and the pitcher, Jason Cash lead off second while waiting for a hit by one of North's batters.

**1983 Red Knight Varsity Baseball Team: Front Row —** Jeff Prince, Richard Ratliff, Gary Dickey, Tim Sushil, Billy Clifford, Trent Bowers, Dale Heinkel, Kenny Miller, David Bechtol. **Back Row —** Coach Steve Wise, Jason Cash, Louis Tillman, Paul Drew, Stuart Moriconi, Joe Flinn, David Jerz, Joe Barley, Scott Sushil, Coach Ted Ferreira.

# Perfect Practice Makes Perfect (CONT.)

Next on the schedule was the Easter Tournament played at Terry Park. North was eliminated in their first game by Charlotte, 9-5. Then entering the district tournament, where North was defending champs, the Knights still couldn't get it together and lost in the first round to Lely 2-1. A home run by Mike Greenwell accounted for North's only score.

Thus the season was over. North with "sweet hopes" in January ended up 6-13.

At the Awards Banquet Mike Greenwell was named "batting champ," Kenny Sushil was elected as "most improved player," and David Jerz was cited as having "most team spirit." A new trophy in honor of Joey Cross for the player who best defined the "spirit of a Red Knight" was presented to Mike Greenwell, Mike, Co-Captain of the team with Bobby Carillo, was signed by the Boston Red Sox and left after graduation for the beginning of his career as a professional baseball player.

On January 3, 1983 North's baseball players began getting in shape by exercising and throwing the ball. There were 8 returning lettermen and 3 two-year men.

A change was made in the infield with Scott Sushil moving from second to short stop, thus creating a vacancy at second which Jason Cash filled. With infield positions set, Coach Ferreira was able to move his focus to the outfield. Most candidates were without varsity experience, but were eager to learn. The only returning letterman was centerfielder Paul Drew.

When Scott Sushil was asked about the up-coming year he replied, "We're young but I think we'll come through." This feeling was very common throughout the team. They knew they had a real obligation to play their best with their new field, the tremendous support of their fans, and the memory of their former teammate, Joey Cross.

So on February 7 the cry of "play ball" was heard and the Red Knights responded; young, dedicated men who were determined to give it their best.

| 1982 J.V. Baseball | | | | | |
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| NHS | | OPP | NHS | | OPP |
| 5 | Bishop Verot | 6 | 6 | Charlotte | 9 |
| 1 | Collier | 0 | 3 | Collier | 1 |
| 4 | Ft. Myers | 5 | 3 | Ft. Myers | 6 |
| 1 | Naples | 7 | 4 | Naples | 12 |
| 10 | Cypress | 5 | 4 | Cypress | 3 |
| 3 | Cape Coral | 9 | 2 | Cape Coral | 4 |
| 2 | Lely | 7 | 2 | Riverdale | 9 |
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| | Season Record: 4-13 | | | | |

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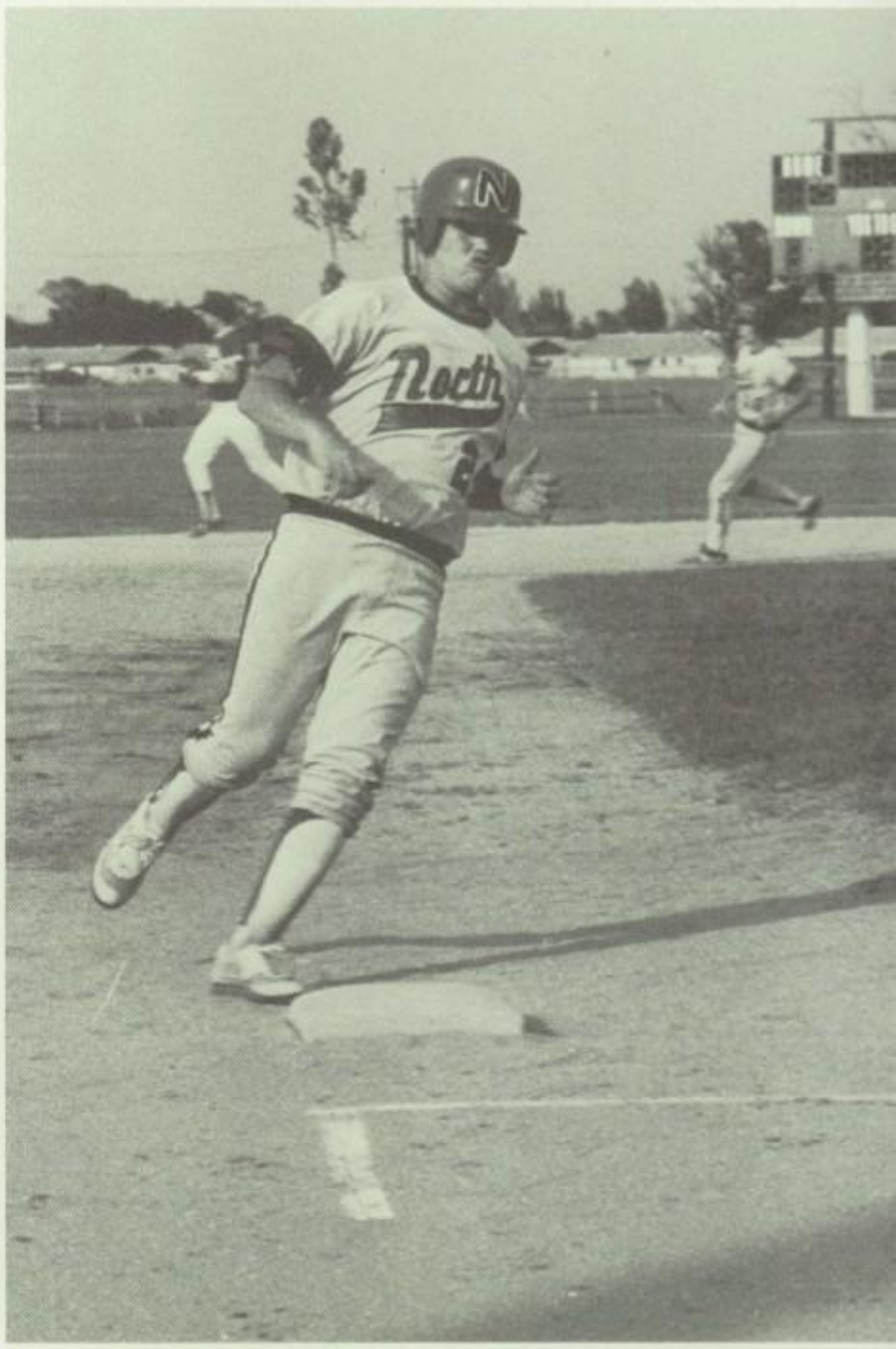

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# Making the Pitch

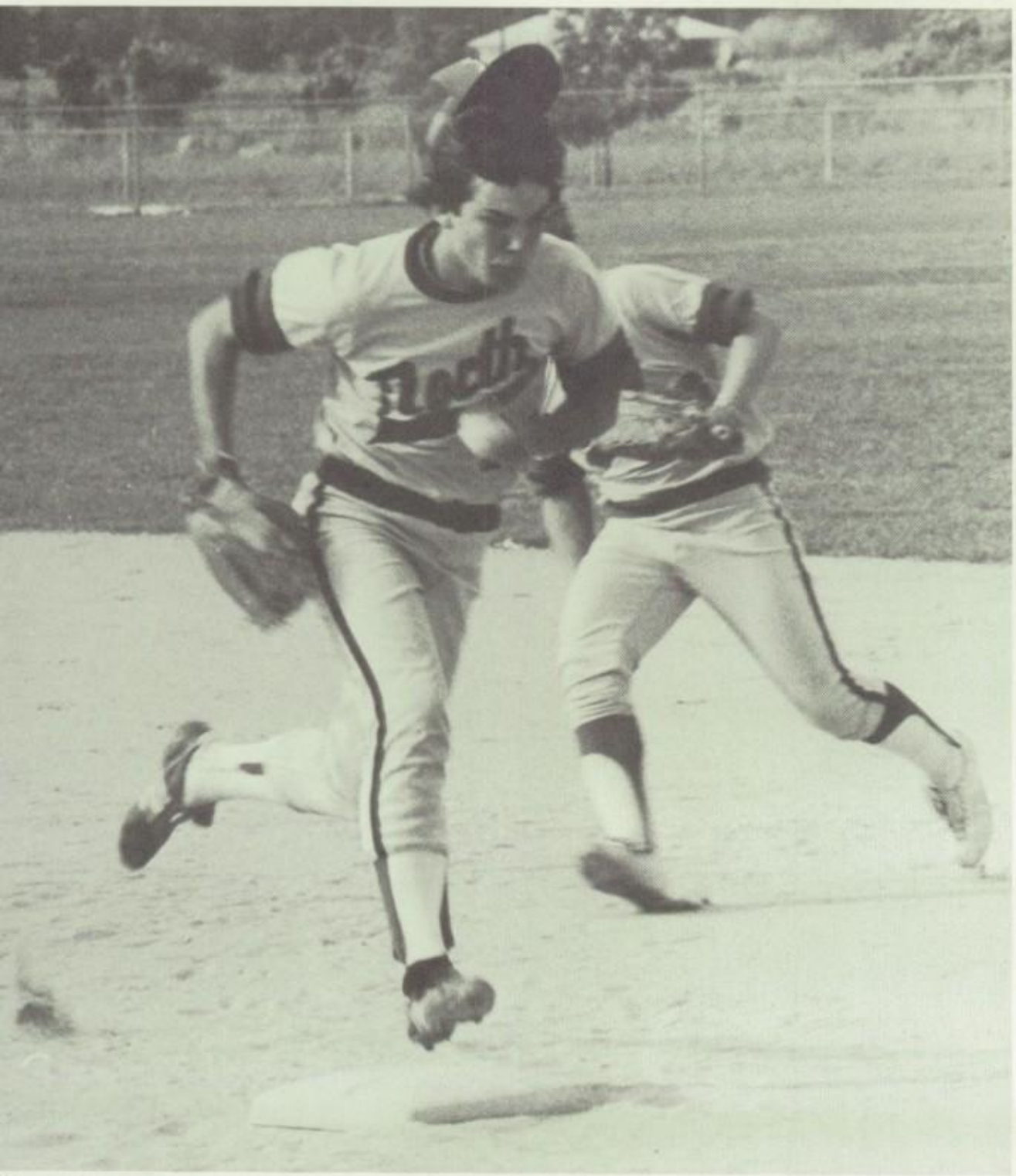
Baseball has long been America's favorite past-time. Interest and participation in this sport in North Fort Myers was always tremendous as elementary students flocked to the Little League playing fields in large numbers. As they progressed through a minor, major, and Senior league team, they acquired skills and began to dream of the day they would don the red, black, and white uniform of a Red Knight baseball player.

The 1982 J.V. baseball season was a disappointment to both Coach Wayne Jensen and his team. The talent was there, but Lady Luck wasn't and many contests were lost in the last one or two innings, resulting in a disappointing 4-13 record. "We needed to be more competitive," said outfielder Richard Ratliff, "not let down when we were a run ahead or a couple of runs behind."

The 1983 season looked bright for the North baseballers. Large numbers of freshmen and sophomores turned out to participate in tryouts for the squad. After two weeks of strenuous workouts, conditioning, and inter-squad games, Coach Jensen finally selected his final fifteen players. Then the work really began. Grueling daily practices consisted of running, stretching-out, throwing, hitting, and taking play situations and resolving them. During the week of February 14, the J.V. joined the varsity workouts so they could gain additional experience in game situations.

Led by veterans Gary Brown and Duane Nash, competition for positions was fierce among these young Knights. Infielders, outfielders, pitchers, and catchers all fought for the eye of the coach and the nod that would give them a starting position on February 25 against Charlotte.

Mental alertness, physical agility, a positive attitude, and practice, practice, practice could turn things around this year. Instead of having to travel off campus for even home games, the Knights would be playing their games on the new on-campus field this season. Everyone on the team was confident and eager, they knew they had all the ingredients for victory, and it was all up to them.



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| 1983 JV Baseball | | |
|---|---|---|
| Feb. | 25 | Charlotte |
| March | 1 | Bishop Verot |
| | 2 | P. Charlotte |
| | 8 | Riverdale |
| | 9 | Cape Coral |
| | 11 | Ft. Myers |
| | 16 | Cypress Lake |
| | 29 | Riverdale |
| | 30 | Cape Coral |
| | 31 | Bishop Verot |
| April | 1 | Charlotte |
| | 12 | Ft. Myers |
| | 15 | Cypress Lake |
| | 19 | P. Charlotte |
| | 22 | Cypress Lake |

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**1 — 1983 J.V. Baseball Team: Front Row** — Keith Tapio, Troy Simons, Tyrone Jones, Frank Powell, Dave Giompalo, Kyle Eignor, Jeff Campbell, Tim Lust, Greg Stanford, Gary Brown. **Back Row** — Coach Wayne Jenson, Duane Nash, Scott Gordon, Charles Marquiss, Pat McGuire, Mike Kelly, Mike Sheffield, Ty Hutson, James Kiernan, John Morris, Jeff Strecker, Mike Castle, Linwood Baker, Dewey Meekins, Ray Wildman, Ron Baker. **2** — Touching third on his way home was Louis Tillman; heading for second was his teammate Tim Sushil. **3** — Tagging first to put the runner out was first baseman Tim Sushil. **4** — Gary Brown looked through the fence at the action during an exciting J.V. game. **5** — Taking the pitch in the Barron Collier game was Red Knight Jeff Strecker.

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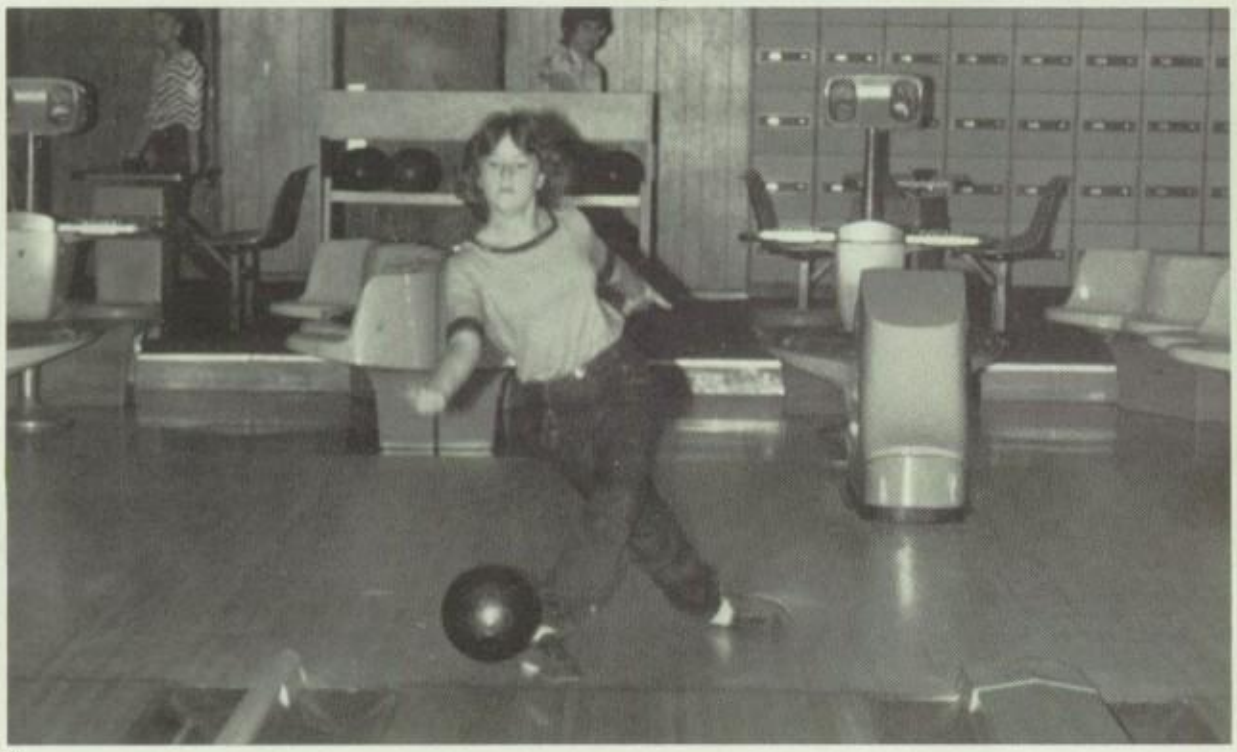

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**1** — Horsewoman Sheryl Miller saddled up her horse for an adventurous ride through the countryside. **2** — Shelly Gartner showed her form as she follows through in an attempt to earn yet another strike. **3** — Concentration was an important factor as Todd Lake tried to sink an 8 foot putt for a birdie on the 10th hole.

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# Playing Around

"Tennis anyone? Or maybe 9 holes of golf? How about cutting out to the beach and getting a little suntime and throwing the frisbee around?" With year-round warm weather and almost perpetual sunshine, Red Knights enjoyed a wide variety of leisure time activities.

Fields of interest varied from student to student. While some spent their off campus hours relaxing with friends poolside, others weren't satisfied unless they worked up a heavy sweat training for a marathon run or playing a full set of tennis. Many found it rewarding to use their leisure time grooming their animals and then putting them through their paces for a future show or rodeo.

The elements of nature took an adventurous few into unsual activities. Sunny skies offered students ideal conditions for flying, parachuting, hang gliding, or ballooning; while Mother Earth provided nearby areas for spelunking, scuba-diving, sailing, wind surfing, water-skiing, and motor boating.

The "grease monkey" types spent every second and cent of money, working on the high-performance motors in their cycles, cars, or boats in anticipation of a future racing event. Nights, the roller rinks or bowling alleys beckoned, or maybe a pool table or a video game (who didn't want muscular fingers).

The "arm chair athlete" lived for weekends. Football, blended into basketball, which faded into baseball, which were all liberally sprinkled with doses of boxing, golf, tennis, gymnastics, swimming, and wrestling. All this physical energy pouring from the video tube washed over the viewers leaving them as exhausted as if they had played a little touch football, one-on-one, or sandlot ball.

Alone, or with others, playing games or just walking around, Knights needed to relax, to release tensions, to forget their problems, and to enjoy life. Leisure activities seemed to fill the prescription — "they were where the action was."

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**1** — North students Mike Albertson, Karan King, Joyce Williams, and Scott Bell found an easy way of going from class to class (if not caught by the deans). The wonderous wheel once again proved that it made life much easier and enjoyable. **2** — Kathy Rouskey got ready to soar through the air in the new sport of parasailing.

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**North High's clubs and organizations were proud represented by: Front Row —** Carolyn Dickerson — Flag Cor Lynn Trusky — Rifle Corps, Bonnie Bouch — NHS, Patty Talley Band, Lisanne Banta — Knight Life. **Second Row —** Barba Mueller — LANCE, Vinita Fine — FHA, Sherrie Sullivan FBLA/CBE, Stephanie Dodd — Majorettes. **Third Row —** Ron M ritt — ROTC, Tracy Jordan — SAP, Kim Kibler — SGA, Den Nolan — French, Gloria Greenwood — FBLA/General, Karen P mon — DECA, Kathy Kuhs — Spanish, David Rosario — DCT, Su Peckmam — German, Darlene Dials — Spirit, Beth Gurnham — teract. **Back Row —** Mark Arlington — Thespians, Neal Jackson SAC.

# Organizations

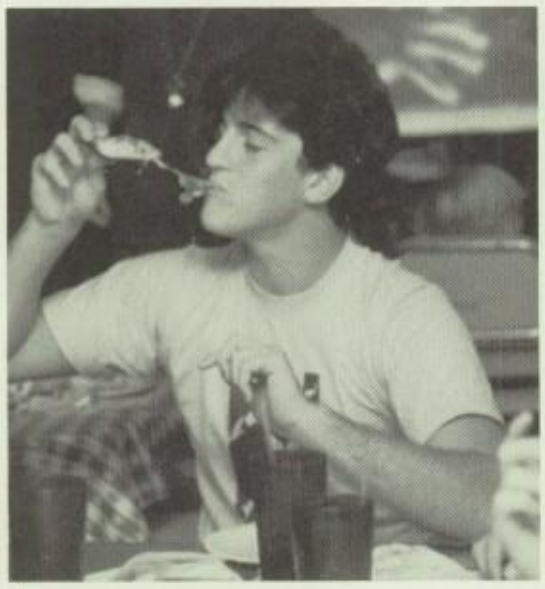
Preparation for the future does not merely depend upon academic achievement. Development in leadership and organizational skills, cooperation and responsibility are also vital keys to a successful life. North High's clubs and organizations helped train the people of today for tomorrow's world. Most employers wanted workers who could adapt and learn new skills easily and work with others in harmony. Dedicated participation in school projects helped develop these abilities.

Not only was membership in clubs and organizations helpful in preparing a student for the future, but they also served as an enjoyable way to develop and maintain friendships and to improve campus life. Fund raising projects, meetings, excursions, and social events helped cement a bond of closeness among the members and offered variety to each day's academic activities.

One of the most exciting parts of becoming a member of some clubs and organizations was the initiation. Often these initiations consisted of wearing funny outfits and performing small absurd tasks or participating in skits. Other initiations were more serious, complete with candlelight and special significant rituals. With joining up came possession of that special t-shirt, jersey, or uniform that distinctly proclaimed membership to classmates.

Depending on the club or organization, the time and effort required of its members varied. Some met daily during class time, while others only gathered once or twice a month, either during activity period, after school, or in the evening. Being a good working member of a club or organization was not always as easy as it seemed. There was always a lot to do and often too few hands available to accomplish it.

Whatever a Knight's interest, there was a club or organization at North just for them. Membership requirements varied, but usually all one had to do was ask "Where do I sign up?"



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# We Did It All For You!

**"L"** stood for **Layouts** — they were done over and over on photo orders and rough drafts before being approved for placement on the final quad-paks. **"A"** was for **Advertisements** — the backbone of this yearbook. The **LANCE** staff sold $10,895.00 in advertising to enable them to produce this special publication. **"N"** was for **Names** — everyone wanted to be in the annual, and each time their picture appeared and was identified, their name had to be meticulously indexed so that just a glance told exactly where to find them. **"C"** was for **Copy** — copy, copy, copy, and more copy. It had to be written and rewritten countless times to satisfy the high standards of **LANCE** adviser Virginia Branson. **"E"** stood for **Enthusiasm** and **Energy** — that you needed if you were a member of the 1983 LANCE staff.

The work started in summer school 1982 as all staffers, new and old, were required to attend at least three of the six week's session, which taught everything from drawing layouts and cropping pictures to selling advertisements. After a crash course in the basics of yearbook technology taught by Mrs. Branson and Taylor Publishing Company Representative Ron Binns, the **LANCE '83** staff was ready for their first big challenge, selling their advertising campaign.

Before even half of the summer session was over, many crucial decisions had already been made and the 1983 edition of the **LANCE** was rapidly taking shape in the minds of Editor Barb Mueller and her staff. After the theme "Sterling Knights" was chosen and the cover, endsheets and division pages designed, the initial production cost was estimated at $27,000.00. All the money needed to pay our extensive bills had to be raised by staffers through exhausting ad, book, and picture sales.

Summer ended with a four day seminar in Tampa on yearbook production sponsored by the Taylor Publishing Company. While there, twelve **LANCE** members along with Mrs. Branson and Ms. Andrea Getzlaff met with staffs from all over Florida to discuss new ideas and old problems in copy placement, usage of color, photography and every other aspect of yearbook publication.

When school began, Room 143 became a second home to Mrs. Branson and her 26 "children." Aside from the two hour block of class time first semester, and the one hour period second semester, additional time was spent after school, on weekends, and during vacations to make all the important deadlines. The chief aim set by the staff this year was not only to make an outstanding annual, but to surpass the achievements of the 1982 staff. Their publication with the theme of "Pride" had won a first place award with special merit from the American Scholastic Press Association, an excellent rating from the Southern Interscholastic Press Association and a second place rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Although the workload was tremendous and the responsibility at times overwhelming, it was all laced with co-operation and friendship and rewarded with pizza parties in the fall and spring and a fabulous end of the year banquet in May. The greatest reward was seeing all our efforts in print and the delight on hundreds of faces when the books arrived in May. **Red Knights, we did it all for you!**

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**1** — Because of their successful advertising campaign, those staffers who sold ads were treated to one of **LANCE'S** famous pizza extravaganzas. Proving he can work just as hard on pizza as on layouts and copy was Co-Sports Editor Steve Callari. **2** — **Excalibur: Front Row** — Virginia Branson, Barb Mueller, Laurie Coman, Kathy Hupp. **Second Row** — Chuck Lindenmuth, Rich Alfano, Kathy Prickett. **Back Row** — Jeanee Totherow, Marie Kapcin. **3** — During the N.F.M. Homecoming Parade, the beat of the Red Knight Band was drowned out when the **LANCE '83** staff rode by on John Gibons truck screaming, "We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit how about you?!" Cheerers were Mike McQuinn, Jennifer Kniestedt, David Milliron, Pat Radomski, Allyson Jones, Virginia Branson, Debbie Bradley, Chris Tillie, Molly Brodeur, Christine Radhuber, Chuck Lindenmuth, David Jerz, and Jay Weast. **4** — **1983 LANCE: Front Row** — Kathy Hupp, Molly Brodeur, Laurie Coman, Jason Cash, Beth Gurnham, Steve Callari, Chris Beckos, Mike MacDonald, Kathy Prickett, Rich Alfano, Amy Austin, Jennifer Kniestedt, Walter Ratliff. **Back Row** — Jay Weast, John Gibbons, Chris Radhuber, Chuck Lindenmuth, Barb Mueller, Virginia Branson, Pat Radomski, David Jerz, Kelly McConnell, Mike McQuinn, Paul Murphy, Allyson Jones, David Milliron. **5** — Even though yearbook work called for extreme dedication and responsibility, staff members Chris Beckos and Jason Cash enjoyed a joke over their work on quad-paks.

# Reporting for Duty

"Hold the presses! I've got a hot tip for the lead story on page one. A grand jury is convening to investigate the senior class officers at North High. The rumor is they've been bribing faculty members with booze and big bucks so they can graduate on time!" Of course this is only ficticious, but most Knight Lifers wished something this exciting had happened at North to enliven their student newspaper.

Under the supervision of adviser Allen Caraway, Journalism 1 and 2 students used their creative skills and knowledge of scholastic journalism to produce an issue of North's award winning publication each month. Lisanne Banta led the staff as Editor for the second year, constantly striving for improvements in copy writing and production.

Though the advanced class was drastically reduced in numbers from last year, their workload was kept down with the help from the first year students. Mr. Caraway, aided by his veteran staffers, taught "J-1" people how to effectively interview sources, write potent editorials, and perfect newspaper layout techniques.

With publication came publication costs. Approximately $250.00 was needed to cover the printing expenses for each issue, thus every Knight Life staff member had to "hit the streets" and solicit advertisements from local area businesses. After several years of having financial difficulties and starting off the 1982-83 school year in debt, the members of Knight Life sold over $1900.00 in ads by the end of the first semester. This allowed the staff to continue printing enough copies to distribute one to every student, staff and faculty member.

"After adopting our logo 'The Student Voice of North High,' thanks to the administration it's really become just that," said Mr. Caraway. "They often respond to our editorials with action."

From its very beginning the school paper has attempted to reflect the feelings and concerns of the Red Knight family. As times changed and people changed, some school policies occasionally become outdated; Knight Life stood strong and spoke as the Student Voice of North Fort Myers High School.

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**1** — Taking a break from their journalistic duties, Knight Life staff Bev Griffith, Dennis Graves, and Dawn Salomone rode in the Homecoming Parade showing their school spirit and enthusiasm. **2** — Pasting up the final art work on the double truck spread was Paula Howze, Feature Editor.

**1** — Working diligently on setting headlines was Business Manager Bev Griffith with inspiration from staff member Gary Jeleniewski. **2** — **Knight Life Staff: Front Row** — Lisa Joyner, Gary Jeleniewski, Paula Howze, Dawn Salomone, Forshunder Ward. **Back Row** — Tracy Carver, Bev Griffith, Lisanne Banta, Stacy Williams, David Milliron, Dennis Graves, Allen Caraway, Chris Kosarich.

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# Percipient Press

The membership was limited but the talent was immense. It called for academic excellence and insisted on journalistic experience. It demanded little time and effort by its members because they were completely engrossed in the production of North's literary publications. It was the Quill and Scroll Society: an International Honorary for High School Journalists.

To be eligible for membership one had to be a junior or senior who had successfully completed work in the production of North's newspaper, yearbook, or literary magazine, maintained a 3.0 average, and received a recommendation from a publication sponsor.

During the first semester the group elected officers, Chairperson Lisanne Banta and Secretary Amy Austin. When grades were averaged in January an initiation was held for new members and all set to work to spread the merits of a journalistic experience to other students.

**Quill and Scroll: Front Row** — Bev Griffith. **Second Row** — Amy Austin, Lisanne Banta, Virginia Branson, Terri Osborne, Michelle Waser. **Back Row** — Molly Brodeur, Coury Macdonald, Allen Caraway, Mike MacDonald, Barbara Mueller.

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**1 — F.A.P.: Front Row** — Brad Morrison, Laura Thomas, Sharon Hibbert, Sandy Cunningham, Dana Berry. **Second Row** — Shelley Gartner, Richelle Hunter, Leslie Motter, Che Se, Michelle Kittle, Paulette Johnson, Vircel Williams, Karen Jaquiss, Christy Reinhold, Dawn Merritt, Irit Hemed, Pem Franklin, Lee Snyder. **Back Row** — Janice Longfellow, Dawn Siford, Carlisa Dickerson, Jodie Davis, RaeAnne Coup, Edward McNutt, Gregg Gibson, Derrick Jackson, Tony Montagnari, Wendy Newingham, Stephanie Paparesta, Catherine Lewis, Candy Johnson, Bob Curry. **2 —** During the impressive, candlelight induction ceremony, new N.H.S. members John Crawford, Barry Frey, Oui Hunter, Jeannine Jaschob, John Kanell, Diane Lytle, Kim Rutherford, Rhonda Weber, and Darlene Williams stood and listened to former members elicit those qualities they hoped all members would strive to maintain. **3 —** During the N.H.S. reception after induction of members in September, the Weber family, Angie, Greg, Rhonda, and father Ron, relaxed with a cool drink and conversation. Ron Merritt and Jeri Cunningham compared notes on their participation in the ceremony.

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**1 — S.A.P.: Front Row —** John Coman, Angela Morrison, Jeanette Dials, Anna Jones, Lori Harper, Amy Pulsifer, Jodi Johnson, Yvonne Frey, Kathy Kuhs, Donna Wilson, Stacy Williams, Paula Howze, Kallyn Harmon, Heidi Williams, James Curls. **Second Row —** Curtis Gully, Chris Beckos, Kane Richmond, Melissa Roof, Dawn Morrison, Susan Lewsader, Lori Hayworth, Lynn Truskey, Tracy Jordan, Toni Griffin, Mike Mann. **Third Row —** Delretta Jones, Dianna Hinkel, John French. **Back Row —** Lori Pastirick, Connie Burke, Lisa Adams. **2 — N.H.S.: Front Row —** John Prickett, Ron Merritt, Willie Mathneny, John Kanell, Oui Hunter, Trent Bowers, **Back Row —** Carol Pim, Bonnie Bouch, Lisanne Bante, Susan Panrell, Darlene Williams, Barry Frey, Francine Rubinstein, Ellen Ayres, Kim Rutherford, Rhonda Weber, Walter Skiff. **3 —** The french fry stand run by Jeannine Jaschob and Walter Skiff during Homecoming Field Day was a major fund raiser for N.H.S.

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# The Chosen Few

Books, studying, and good grades; that's what education was supposed to be all about. A lot of students at North High seemed to lose track of those goals at times, but those who continually kept on task were rewarded by membership in academic honor organizations.

As a freshman, a student with a 3.5 average at the end of the first marking period was invited to join the F.A.P. (Freshman Achievement Program). This organization under the sponsorship of faculty members Janice Longfellow and Robert Curry, was created to encourage the more academically gifted ninth graders to continue on a sound scholastic path.

The S.A.P. (Sophomore Achievement Program) operated along the same lines as the F.A.P. Advisers Martha Richardson and Jack Bovee lowered the initial requirement of a 3.5 average to 3.0 and then encouraged the members to raise their accumulatives by the end of the first semester. Officers were elected by S.A.P. members to organize their meetings and integrate their activities into the mainstream of club, social, and service life at North. President Tracy Jordan, Vice-President Angela Morrison, Secretaries Kathy Kuhs and Heidi Williams and Treasurer Toni Giffin accepted these key leadership roles.

As a junior or senior, the academically superior student was considered for membership in the National Honor Society. Although here too at least a 3.5 average was required, a teacher-administration selection committee also looked at the prospective member's citizenship, leadership qualities, and activity record during their tenure at North High.

On September 29, 1982 new members were "tapped" and inducted into N.H.S. at an impressive ceremony in the gym. Proud parents joined North's juniors and seniors in watching as the inductees repeated their membership oaths.

During the 1982-83 school year the N.H.S. was led by President Ron Merritt, Vice-President Bonnie Bouch, Secretary Ellen Ayres, and Treasurer Jeri Cunningham. These officers worked together with sponsors Carol Pim and Walter Skiff to organize their service, scholastic and recreational activities.

Organizational funds were raised selling french fries during Homecoming and shoelaces stating "I Love The Knights", and holding coffee and bake good sales during Teacher Duty Days. These monies were used for such projects as giving a Halloween party at the Lee County Children's Home, distributing food baskets to the needy at Thanksgiving, sending candy cane cards to the North High staff at Christmas, and accompanying the Easter Bunny to Lee Memorial Hospital children's ward in the spring to cheer the youngsters.

All three groups, N.H.S., S.A.P. and F.A.P. recognized those students with high academic abilities and attempted to encourage them to develop leadership skills in their high school careers that could be transferred to future commitments in society.

# A Note on Chorus

Students who participated in the vocal music program at North High, under the direction of Pruella Niver, worked many long hours perfecting their talents. Chorus was not just singing, it was the art of learning proper breathing techniques, tone, and harmony, for group and solo performances.

At North there are two separate choral groups, an all girls chorus and a mixed chorus. From both groups twelve students were selected for membership in North's Honor Choir. This Honor Choir traveled to special choral functions throughout the year. In October they were the only Lee County representatives to participate in the Stetson Honor Choir. For four days they performed with and for other exceptionally talented high school and college students from throughout Florida. Also in October, eight of these Honor Choir members traveled to the University of Miami to partake in a full day of musical instruction and adventure as members of the Miami Honor Choir.

Throughout the 1982-83 school year the two Chorus units performed throughout Lee County. At Christmas they were especially busy performing their Christmas Cantata at the United Methodist Church, Sam Galloway Ford, and for the Greeters Club at the Spanish Main Restaurant. In February they participated in the Lee County Honor Choral Showcase and in March traveled to Riverdale High School for the District 8, Florida Vocal Music Association Solo and Ensemble Competition. When not performing North Chorus members kept busy ushering for the Ft. Myers Community Concert series at the Exhibition Hall.

The Mixed Chorus officers, President Paula Jones, Vice-President Tammy Smith, Secretary Kelly Bright, and Corresponding Secretary Maria Schoonover worked closely with the Girls Chorus officers President Johnson, and Secretary-Treasurer Carol Lindhout, organizing the Chorus fund raising and social activities. During Homecoming the Chorus' singing telegrams proved especially popular as Knights sent musical messages of all types to classmates and faculty members, on Field Day for a mere dollar you could have the kiss of a lifetime at the Chorus "Kissing Booth."

Voice and piano classes rounded out the Vocal Music Department curriculum offerings at North High. With all these classroom opportunities talented musical students could continually draw on the expertise of Mrs. Niver to help them develop and improve their musical background, talent, and performance technique. Further musical opportunities such as college scholarships and membership in "Who's Who in Music" awaited those with dedication, perseverance, and most importantly ... vocal talent.

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**1 — Miami Honor Choir: Front Row —** Kim Carter, Tammy Smith, Kelly Bright, Paula Jones, Carol Worthington, Lori Lawrence. **Back Row —** John Hills, Ellis Baumer, Phil Ayers Maurice McGriff, Ken Foskey. **2 —** Selling kisses to raise money for chorus during Homecoming Field Day was Paula Jones. An eager customer got his money's worth.

**1 — Stetson University Honor Choir: Front Row —** Kim Carter, Sam Hunter, Shauna LaPosta. **Back Row —** Ellis Baumer, Paula Jones, Denise Dixon. **2 — North Fort Myers Chorus: Front Row —** Director Pruella Niver, Tammy Davis, Shauna LaPosta, Debbie Tessier, Maria Schoonover, Tarsha Brown, Paula Jones, Carole Worthington, Michelle Johnson, Carol Lindhout, Michelle Ward, Michelle Mease, Sandy Beigh. **Second Row —** LaShawn Davis, Pam Ceslok, Sharon Ervin, Evelyn Sherod, Trish Orstrom, Denise Dixon, Lisa Powell, Richelle Hunter, Sandra Seal, Michelle Kittle, Sandra Rice. **Third Row —** Lisa Whitter, Glenda Burton, Lisa Joseph, Pat Luster, Kim Carter, Elizabeth Corbitt, Tammy Smith, Michelle Barnhill, Lisa Clark, Kelly Bright, Lisa Morrison, Lori Lawrence, Sally Vaughn, Gina Robertson. **Back Row —** Wayne Davidovitch, John Hills, Maurice McGriff, Sam Hunter, Kenny Foskey, Phil Ayers, John Laughlin, Scott Puett, Steve Moll, Ellis Baumer, Reginald Massey. **3 —** Besides perfecting their vocal skills, members of Mrs. Niver's voice class learned to enjoy singing and the companionship of others. Mugging for the cameraman were: **Front Row —** LaShawn Davis, Lori Lawrence, Lisa Powell, Pruella Niver, Maria Schoonover, Tarsha Brown, Carol Lindhout. **Back Row —** Paula Jones, Kelly Bright, Ellis Baumer, Maurice McGriff, Phil Ayers, Denise Dixon.

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**1** — Playing a major role in pep rallies, the band showed shining spirit as they led the entire student body to cheer on their fellow Knights to victory.

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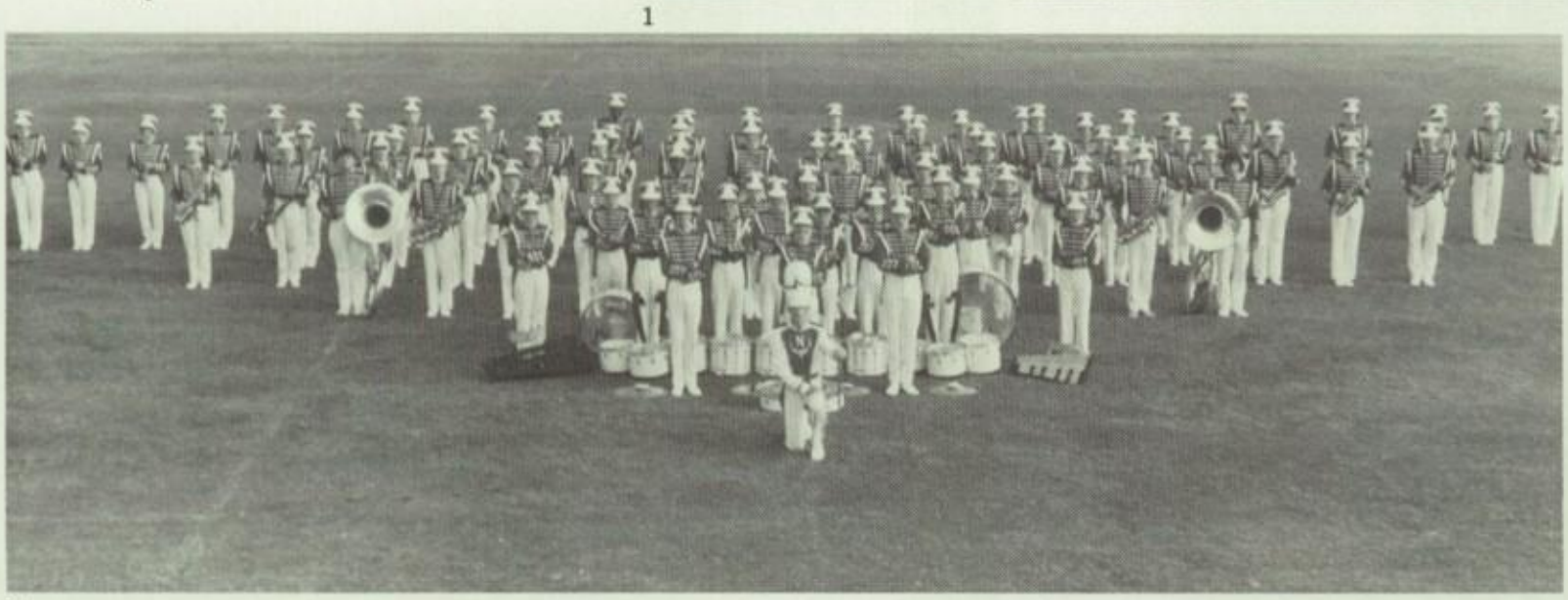

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**2 — Red Knight Marching Band:** Kim Adams, Lisa Adams, Heidi Altvater, Mark Arlington, Amy Ashton, Billy Atkins, Tracy Battle, Jimmy Beasley, Glen Bitter, Mark Bitter, Christy Boring, Pam Boyette, Donna Bradley, Diane Brazill, Julie Britton, Robert Childers, Betsy Coffin, Michelle Coman, Janis Cottrill, Julie Crocker, Darrell Davis, Toni DeVito, Carlisa Dickerson, Carolyn Dickerson, Denise Dixon, Stephanie Dodd, Carol Ellis, John French, Yvonne Frey, Shelly Gartner, Toni Giffin, Sharon Hadsock, Kallyn Harmon, Sharoyn Harris, Sandy Hassenzahl, Angie Hasten, Lori Hayworth, Dianna Heinkel, Denise Hernandez, Christine Hooper, Oui Hunter, Delretta Jones, John Jones, Lisa Jones, Tracy Jordan, Amy Juliano, Angie Juliano, John Kanell, Shannon Kerr, Julie Koehler, David Lady, Ethan Ledford, Tammy Lentz, Catherine Lewis, Shelly Lewis, Kyna Lister, Danny Luders, Sean Macdonald, Robyn Maker, Joyce Malone, Tim Malone, Susan Marks, Andy May, Stephanie Meyer, Kenny Miller, Shelly Missall, Juanita Morgan, Angela Morrison, Andrea McCrea, Anita McLeod, Duane Nash, Caroline Normandin, Pam Oakes, Scott Ower, Lori Pastirik, Bill Pierce, Greg Pike, Richard Pointke, Toni Ponte, Richard Ratliff, Jodi Reigle, Christy Reinhold,.Teresa Roof, Holly Rowe, Mike Sheffield, Dawn Siford, Andy Smith, Cathy Smith, Eddie Smith, Maxine Soler, Debra Strickland, Cindy Summerall, Patty Talley, Kim Tomlinson, Patty Trealout, Lynn Truskey, Raedene Turco, Regina Varn, Joy Wagener, Lisa Waser, Sulyn Wenrich, John Wild, Darlene Williams, Heidi Williams, Joe Williams, Joyce Williams, Vircel Williams, Donna Wilson, Christina Winnett, Joe Young. **3** — Drum major Greg Pike stood at attention before he directed the band during a half-time festivity.

# And the Beat Goes On

Practice, practice, and more practice would make you the best, and the North Fort Myers Marching Band had traditionally ranked as the best in Lee County, if not all of Southwest Florida. This year's Marching Red Knights would not settle for less, so during summer school and sixth period and after school during the 1982-83 school term, they practiced their marching and field routines, perfected their individual and group musical ability, and learned dedication and unity.

Their flawless performances during football games, spirited participation in pep rallies, and precision marching in local parades such as the Edison Pageant of Light's Children's Parade and Grand Parade, Festival of Boat Parade in Cape Coral, and Memorial Day Parade did a great deal to spearhead North High's pride and spirit. Each time they played the new football fight song, "The Eye of the Tiger," student body enthusiasm erupted.

There was certainly more to the North Band than their flashy performances as a marching unit. Their appearances as a concert and symphonic band also took hours of preparation and won them accolades from the community. Their traditional Christmas Concert, Spring Festival, and participation in North High's Commencement Ceremony were warmly received by appreciative audiences.

Strongly supported by their parent group, the Red Knight Band Boosters, directed and supervised by Keith Stark and Drum Major Greg Pike, and led by their band officers President Robert Childers, Vice-President Mark Arlington, Secretary Susan Marks, Librarian Patti Talley, Quartermaster Kenny Miller, Senior Representative Patty Trealout, Junior Representative Mark Bitter, Sophomore Representative Glenn Bitter and Freshman Representative Danny Luders, the Marching Knights found time to engage in a full array of fund raising activities. Selling refreshments during football games, poinsettias and candles at Christmas, and Festival '83 Entertainment Coupon Books, holding car washes at Burger King and receiving proceeds from special "Burger Knights" at the same North Fort Myers eatery, kept needed revenue flowing in to help defray the rising costs of uniforms and traveling expenses to local and out of county performances and competitions.

Springtime meant traveling time for the Red Knight Band. For a while it seemed every weekend was spent competing as a group or individually at the county, district, or state level. Accomplished musicians that they were, they garnished awards for themselves and brought recognition to North High as the "Home of Marching Red Knights," the best band in Southwest Florida.

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**1** — The Mighty Red Knight band warmed up for their excellent performance in the Annual Edison Pageant of Light Children's Parade. **2** — While enjoying another great North High football game, Donna Wilson, Kyna Lister, Amy Juliano, and Toni Giffin screamed their encouragement to the mighty Knights.

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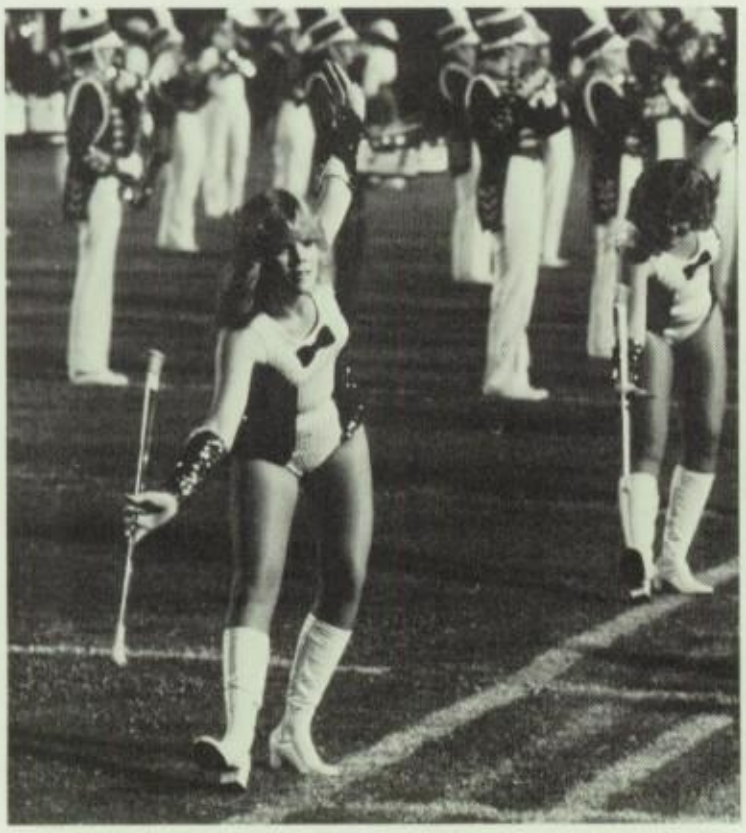
**1** — Twirling to the beat of the music were Majorettes Stephanie Dodd and Susan Marks . . . "an act with class." **2** — Flag Corps members Joyce Williams, Julie Britton, and Pam Boyette concentrate on the perfect execution of their routine during a half time performance.



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# A Touch of Class . . .

that was exactly what the three auxiliary units added to the North High Marching Band during 1982-83. These auxiliaries, the Majorettes, Flag Corps, and Rifle Line, performed during football half-time shows, in parades, and contests, adding a whirl of color, a sparkle of style, and a flury of excitement to the traditionally excellent performance of the Marching Red Knight Band.

All three groups, under the direction of Andrea Getzlaff, spent many hours throughout the summer and during sixth period and after school daily, first semester, drilling, coordinating, and integrating their routines into the cohesive whole. To be a member of any of the units one had to demonstrate coordination, marching ability, determination, and cooperation. "Being able to cooperate with other people was the most important requirement because we are a unit of people who have to think and work as one and help each other to be the best!" said Adviser Getzlaff with a smile of pride.

This year North's Majorette Corps shrank to just two members, Captain Susan Marks, a senior, and Stephanie Dodd, a junior. These two young ladies worked continuously to perfect their individual baton expertise and to design unusual routines to highlight their position in front of the entire band.

The Flag Corps, with Captain Carolyn Dickerson and Co-Captain Lori Pastirik at the helm, soared to their second successful year. After spring and summer tryouts, 19 girls were selected and began to practice with pieces of rags nailed to old broom or mop poles. Hours were spent learning the techniques, spins, and twirls while their uniforms were assembled.

The Rifle Line was a new addition in 1982-83. Spring tryouts lead to the selection of 6 members, 5 girls and 1 young man, Joe Young (showing again North's male population was willing to get involved.) This unit, captained by Jodi Reigle, dressed very similarly to the members in flags but had exchanged a twirling flag for a smartly spun rifle.

Although the auxiliary units wer seperate in many ways, they joined ranks i order to raise money for trips to compet tions and for uniforms and equipment. Bak sales, car washes, and tootsie roll, acrylics and hand soap sale campaigns were mor fun and profitable when everyone worke together.

Throughout the year, their appearance at football games, at Band Day at th University of Miami, at the Winterhave Festival, in the Edison Pageant of Ligh Parade and in District Competition, earne them honors and respect and promoted Re Knight pride. It took hard work and hours o practice to shine, but to members of the Ma jorettes, Flags, and Rifles, it was a worthwhile. Flag member Kim Adams said all, "We gave up free time, went ove routines until they were perfect and we wer exhausted . . . but I didn't mind because worked with the greatest people . . . the made it all a lot of fun."

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**1 — Red Knight Majorettes, Rifle Corps, and Flag Corps: Front Row** — Stephanie Dodd, Susan Marks. **Second Row** — Andrea McCrea, Theresa Roof, Jody Reigle, Lynn Trusky, Cindy Summerall, Joe Young. **Back Row** — Shelley Missall, Carol Ellis, Toni Devito, Kim Adams, Christy Boring, Carolyn Dickerson, Pamela Boyette, Delretta Jones, Dawn Siford, Joyce Williams, Lori Pastirik, Caroline Normandin, Michelle Coman, Angie Juliano, Stephanie Meyer. **2** — Rifles twirling and flags whirling the 1982-83 Band Auxiliary Units put on a "really big show" during a pep rally. **3** — Standing at rest, awaiting the next portion of their half-time performance were Rifle Corps members Joe Young, Cindy Summerall, and Lynn Truskey.

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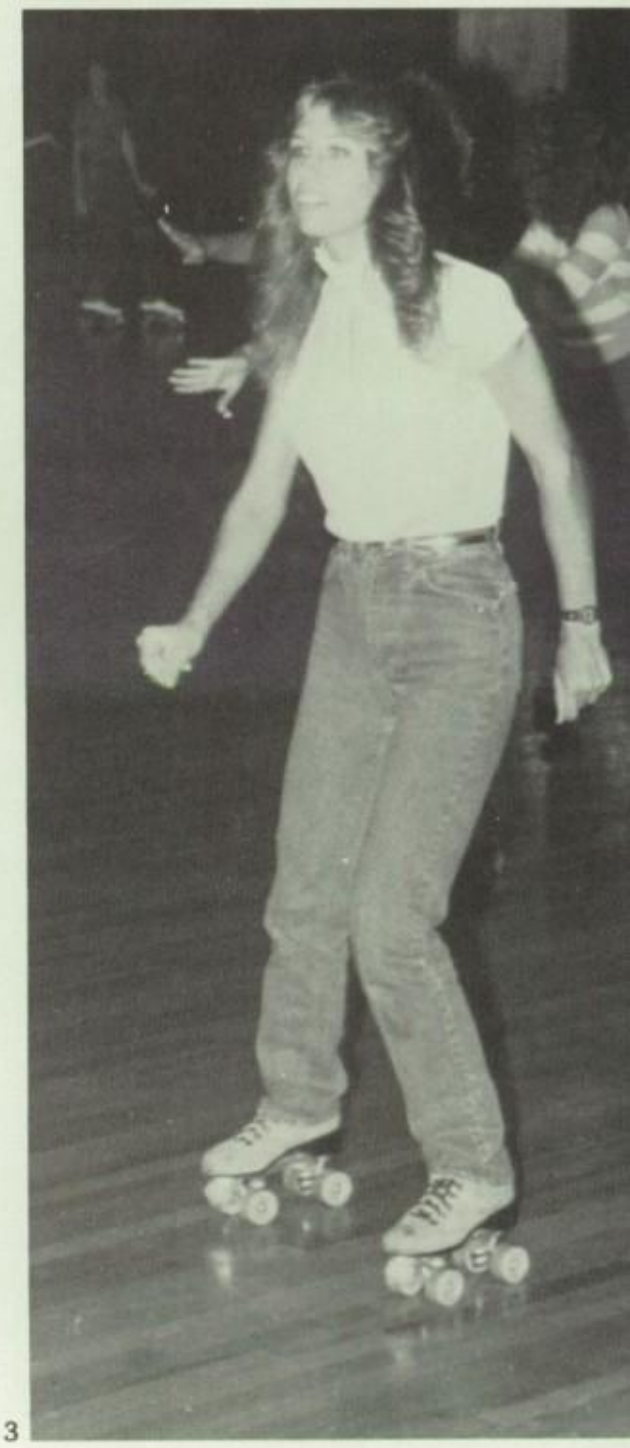

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**1** — The German Club Weiner Wagon with Rich Hornberger driving was a clever, colorful, and popular entry in the Homecoming Parade. **2 — Spanish Club: Front Row** — Tammy Saucier, Lisa Beller, Susan Marks, Casey Hauger, Cindy Clark, Cathy Boring, John Prickett, Tony Acitelli, Doug Lemke, Karen Jaquiss, Irit Hemed, Tracey Battle, Stephanie Meyer, Stephanie Paparesta, Adviser M. Flaherty. **Second Row** — Kelly Maloy, John Eichner, Rene Murphy, Cindy Summerall, Christy Boring, Rose Ann Ulino, Craig Giovanelli, Laura Davis, Melissa Roof, RaeAnn Coup, Jill Rubinstein, Amy Schafer, Kim Rutherford. **Third Row** — Kathy Prickett, Raedene Turco, Ellen Ayres, Cathy Kubesh, Kerrie Cusic, Jason Cash, Laural Brumagin, Tammy Lentz, Cathy Smith, Candy Boring, Cathy Kuhs. **Back Row** — Debbie Morisson, Monica Haggard, Francine Rubinstein, Vicky Cooley, Patti Haley, Diane Lytle, Darlene Dials, Jeanette Dials, Lisanne Banta, Brain Piesch, Chris Lindenmuth, Rhonda Mason, Jeanine Dugan, Colin Trout, Chuck Marquiss. **3** — Enjoying a turn around the rink at a Spanish Club sponsored skating party was Club Sgt.-at-Arms Cathy Kubesh.

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**1** — Too bad Jose's, now you've got real competition in N. Ft. Myers. The Spanish Club Taco stand at Homecoming Field Day make a bigger and better taco . . . and the price was only 75¢. **2 — French Club: Front Row —** Lisa Retherford, Brad Morrison, Lynda Rudd, Kim Moody, Jodie Davis, Mandy Smith, Cindie Esquivel, Denise Nolan. **Second Row —** Barbara Kurth, Diana Null, Suzann Hobson, Carrie Dibble, Judith Olson, Bonnie Brown. **Back Row —** Adviser Kathy Benkhatar, Bret Meyers, Diane Brazill, Cheryl Martin, Tammy Griffin, Caroline Normandin.

# Cultivating Cultures

Three teachers at North, Peg Flaherty, Linda Hissam, and Kathy Benkhatar, taught students a foreign language and about the culture of other countries without many of the students ever enrolling in their courses. How? By allowing students to participate in the fun, excitement, and activities of the foreign language clubs. Students could enjoy a bit of France, Germany, or the numerous Spanish-speaking countries and learn aspects of their language and culture by joining the French, German, or Spanish Club.

The 1982-83 Spanish Club officers President Casey Hauger, Vice-President Jeri Cunningham, Treasurer Christy Boring, Secretary Kathy Kuhs and Sgt.-at-Arms Cathy Kubesh, along with Club Adviser Peg Flaherty, tried to make sure they had some kind of activity or project for club members to do each month.

This year the Spanish Club started the year with a fund raising project, the annual Tom Watt sale. Then in October, Homecoming rolled around and the members' participation swung into high gear. They assumed sole responsibility of the organization and management of the Homecoming Parade, and had their hands full Field Day operating their ever-popular Taco Stand and running the obstacle course event, "Anything Goes."

With the Palace Roller Rink now operating in North Fort Myers, Spanish Club members found an easy way to raise needed revenues. Numerous times during the year they sponsored skating parties and watched the profits roll in as they and their schoolmates enjoyed themselves.

The German Club used their annual initiation of new members to begin their new year of activities. To become full-fledged members, new unsuspecting recruits were put through a series of hilarious acts topped with the drinking of a small cup of sauerkraut juice. A great party and a full year of activities made up for this small amount of discomfort.

Tom Watt products were also used to spearhead the fund raising activities for the German Club. The members followed this up with sales of Gummi Bäre and chocolate Tobelerone candy bars, Christmas ornaments, and candles, donuts and baked goods, and Holiday Candy Grams. During Homecoming Field Day the club's traditional Hitching Post, where pairs of North's students tied the knot under the hilarious intonations of Reverend Wundebar, proved to be a popular and financially successful activity.

Officers for 1982-83 were President Brett Johnson, Vice-President Pam Hagie, Treasurer Chris Presnell, and Secretary Wendy Tillery. They worked hard with Adviser Linda Hissam to keep members interested and active. A trip to the Old Heidelburg Castle was another successful activity first semester. In March these officers and other talented club members traveled to Orlando for 3 days and 2 nights for the State FASG Convention and competition.

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# Cultivating Cultures (CONT.)

Coinciding with Easter was the arrival of students from West Germany. Under the auspices of the German-American Exchange Program 25 German students traveled to Lee County to live for three weeks with North host families and attend North High. Club members joined them for pizza, skating, and beach parties and trips to Disney World and Busch Gardens.

The French Club, advised by Kathy Benkhatar, had a more limited membership since club members were required to be enrolled in a French class. Most members felt this was advantageous as they had better understandings and could take a portion of class time to plan and coordinate their activities.

President Tammy Griffin, Vice-President Denise Nolan, Treasurer Latacia Velez, and Secretary Caroline Normandin led the French Club during this school year. With Mrs. Benkatar on maternity leave for a portion of the year, the responsibility of keeping fund raising and social activities rolling in high gear fell to these officers.

The three foreign language clubs coordinated many of their social activities during the school year to the advantage of all members. In October the International Dinner was held in the North High cafeteria. Clubs organized the pot luck donations so everyone could taste fantastic cuisine with a French, German, or Spanish flavor. Entertainment in the form of singing and dancing, skits, and games was provided by each club in turn.

Joining forces again in December, the three clubs staged a tremendous Christmas Party. Food, entertainment, caroling, games, and the breaking of the Spanish Club's pinatas filled the evening and all participants with holiday cheer.

In cooperation with the Student Advisory Committee, the foreign language clubs organized a large contingent of North students for a trip to St. Petersburg in February for the Annual International Folk Fair. There everyone spent a fun-filled day observing and learning about the cultures of people all over the world and sampling a multitude of foreign food and drink.

As the school year drew to a close, a renewed burst of energy was experienced by the foreign language clubs. It was time to elect new officers, to make plans for 1983-84, to recruit new members and to say good-bye to the seniors. The past year had been a busy one, but an exciting one: it had also been a year of growth and learning.

"Being a member of a foreign language club kept me involved in school activities! . . . thus promoting Red Knight Spirit. But it also gave me the opportunity to learn more about people from other countries, their lifestyles, customs, and food," commented Spanish Club President Casey Hauger.

"I am going to Germany this summer," said German Club member Kathy Hupp. "I needed the practice of keeping up on my conversational German as I couldn't work German into my academic schedule this year. Club membership sure helped me do this . . . and I sure had fun at all the parties and on all the trips . . . wouldn't have missed it."

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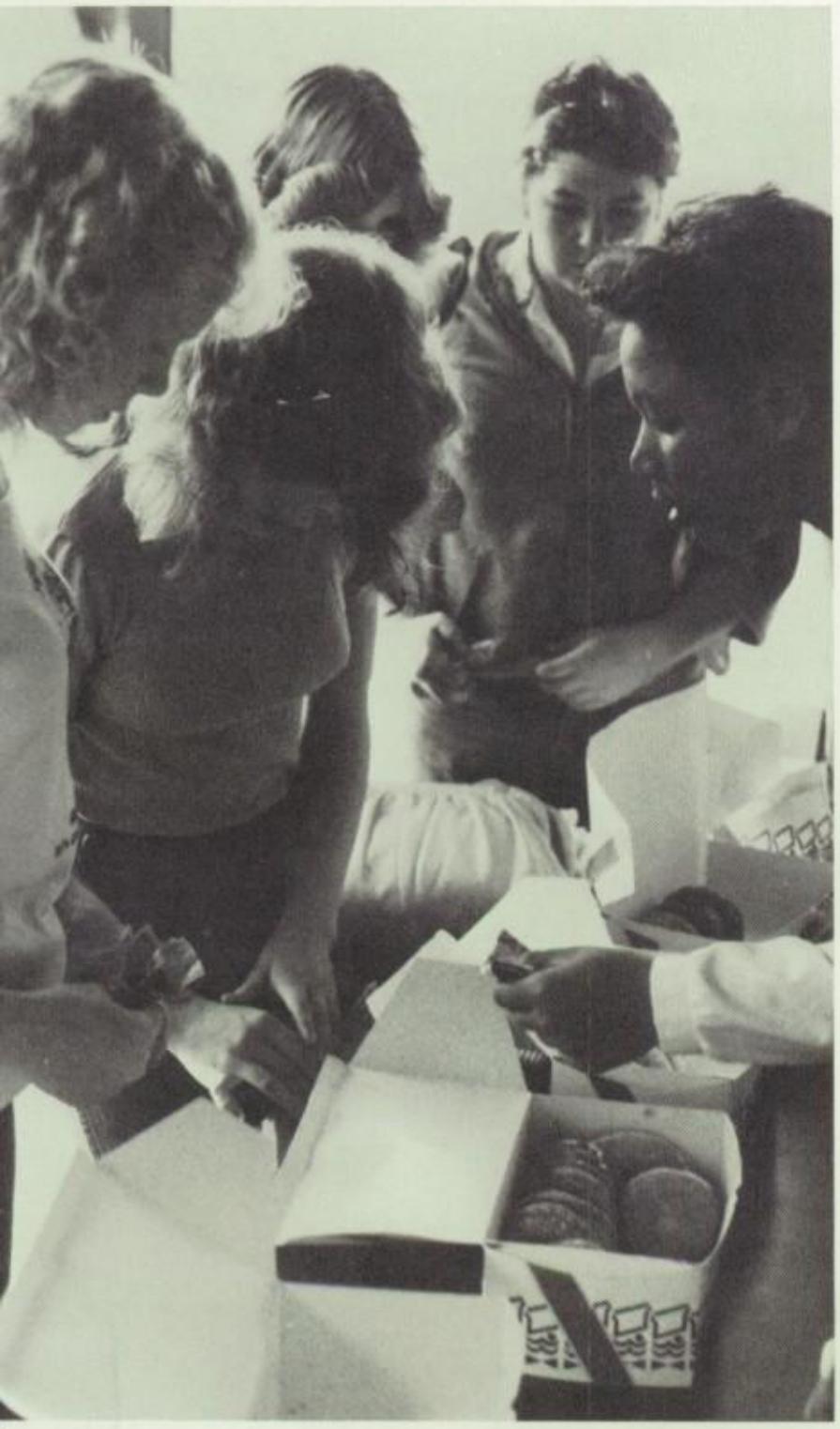
**1 — German Club: Front Row —** Sheila Garringer, Deanna Willard, Pam Hagie, Adviser Linda Hissam, Brett Johnson, Wendy Tillery, Kim Thoman. **Second Row —** Pam Willard, Debbie D'Armond, Jay Weast, Valarie Nottingham, Kathleen Beebe, Chuck Lindenmuth, Rich Hornberger, Suzanne Peckham, Karen Bussey, Cindy Esquivel, Regina Varn. **Back Row —** Todd Kirby, Keith Johnson, Scott Sutton, Linda Barksdale, Mike McQuinn, Michelle Sutton, Theresa Tyler, Kathy Hupp, Steve Martin, John Coman, Velvet Huffmaster, Dawn Reich. **2 —** Enjoying a twirl around the dance floor, during the German Club's trip to Old Heidelburg, were Dawn Reinch and Todd Kirby.



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**1** — Diana Null and Carrie Dibble tempted fellow students into buying their donuts during a French Club bake sale. **2** — French students confer about upcoming French Club activities during a meeting in Mrs. Benkhatar's room. **3** — Peg Flaherty, Spanish Club adviser, holds the hose containing raw egg yolk, while Craig Giovannelli dares someone to challenge him in the tube blowing contest during the Foreign Language Christmas party.

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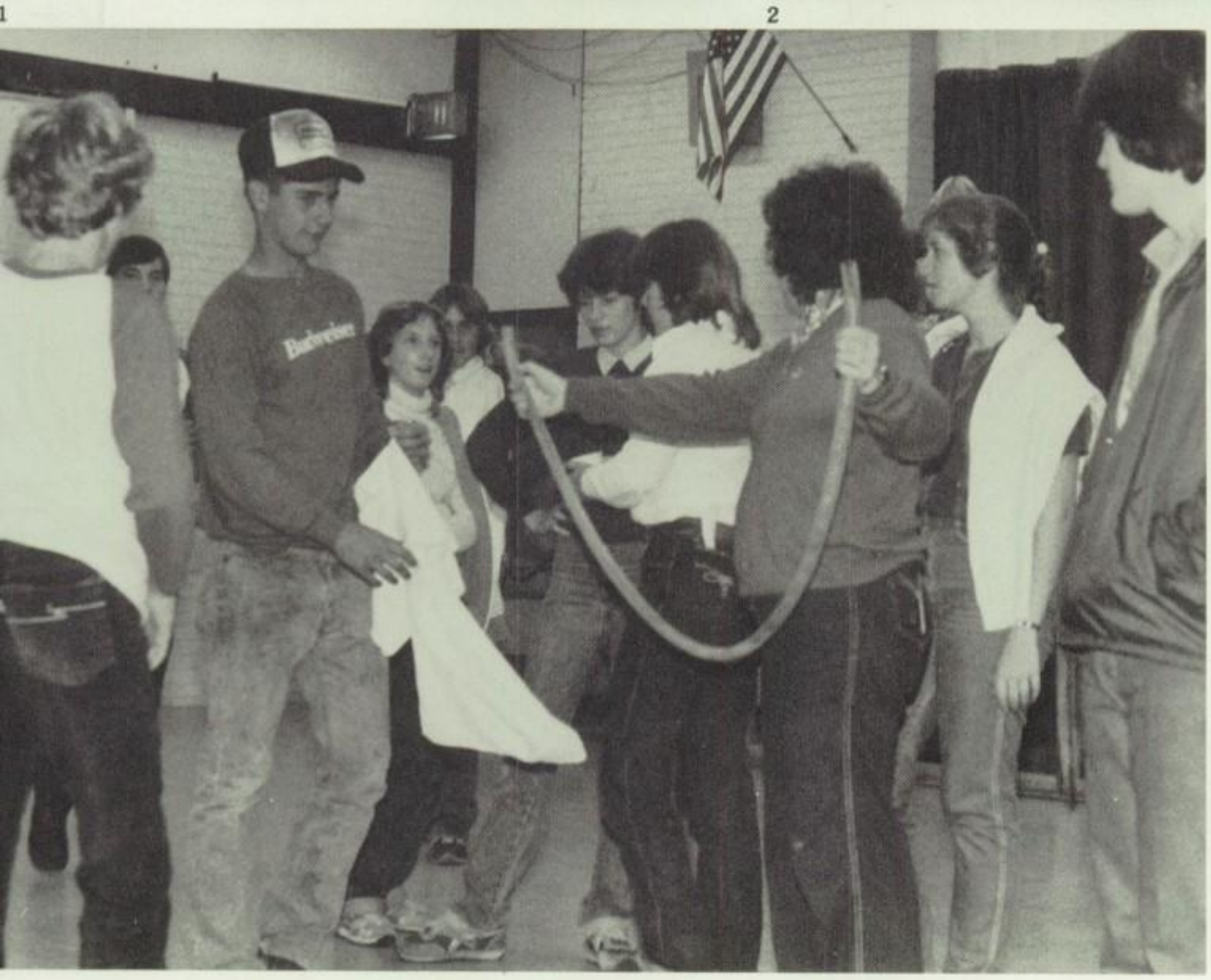


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**1** — "We're #1," shouted Key Club members Mike Ennis, Bill Wilson, Larry Ennis, Steve Martin, and Phil Wagner as they rode on a truck during Homecoming. **2** — **Interact:** Stephan Frank, Beth Gurnham, Cathy Kubesh, Walter Ratliff, Cindy Weber, Sylvia Freeman, Brian Makar **3** — Distributing fruit to the people at the Lee Convalescent Center during the holidays was Key Club's President John Kanell.

# To Aid, To Care, To Serve

Thinking about people other than yourself, caring what happens to them, and then doing something to make life a little happier and easier for them were all signs of a maturing, considerate individual.

Two organizations at North High that dedicated themselves to training their members to care and to serve, to become considerate individuals were Key Club and Interact. Each was sponsored by a community service organization: Interact by the North Fort Myers Rotary and Key Club by the Fort Myers Edison Kiwanis. The leadership, guidance, and friendship provided by these dedicated adults served as tremendous examples for Red Knights.

The goal of both Key Club and Interact was to help members develop leadership and build personal integrity. They were encouraged to practice thoughtfulness and to recognize the importance of God, Country, Family, and Home. Members learned to recognize and refine the potential goodness and charity within themselves and others.

Interact adviser Stephan Frank worked diligently throughout the year with his small but dedicated group. With officers, President Sylvia Freeman, Vice-President Jeri Cunningham, Secretary Cindy Weber, and Treasurer Beth Gurnham, at the helm, they sold candy bars, chances to win a stuffed Garfield, and carnations and flirt-a-grams for Valentine's Day, and held bake sales. The money raised was used to donate board games such as Monopoly, Clue, Mousetrap, and Sorry to the Big Brothers and Sisters Organization and to start a building fund for a "Senior Court Area." This court area, a pet project of Interact would hopefully be situated to the west of the pool area and be equipped with tables and benches so the "Top Knights" would have a special locale for eating lunch or just conversing with each other.

North's Key Club, an arm of the largest high school student service organization, had affiliates across the United States and in foreign countries. Selling stationery, McDonald's discount cards and Christmas trees and holding a bowling marathon helped them raise money for their service projects. These included distributing fruit and entertaining at Lee Convalescent Center at Christmas, cleaning out the environmental pond on North's campus, helping at the Special Olympics held at E.C.C., collecting money for M.D.A. and the American Arthritis Association, sponsoring two blood bank drives at North High, seeding the new Joey Cross Memorial Baseball Field, and assisting parents and teachers at the Halloween Carnival at Tropic Isles Elementary.

1982-83 Officers for Key Club were Lt. Governor Ron Merritt, President John Kanell, Vice-President Steve Martin, Secretary Barry Frey, Treasurer Larry Ennis, and Historian Dennis Anderson. They and their fellow members continually offered their time and muscle to teachers needing help moving books and equipment or with special housekeeping maintenance problems. Each year they treated the North staff to a breakfast where they announced "Teacher of the Month" awards and presented these special people with appreciation plaques.

People who care about other people are important in our busy world. North's Interact and Key Club members saw needs, figured ways to meet these needs, and got things accomplished. They were #1 citizens of our Red Knight world

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**1** — Using brute strength as their sales technique Interact members Brian Makar and Beth Gurnham sold Brad Morrison a candy bar. **2 — Key Club: Front Row** — Phil Wagner, Kathy Prickett, Steve Martin, Rhonda Mason, Larry Ennis, Jeannine Dugan, John Prickett **Second Row** — Sandra Beigh, Dawn Merritt, Carla Martin, Tammy Sprigle **Third Row** — Stan Mulford, Ron Merritt, Mike Ennis, Barry Frey, John Kanell, Dennis Anderson, Ellis Baumer, John Crawford **Back Row** — Rick VanRyckeghen, Philip Sheppard, Bill Wilson

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**1 — North Fort Myers, Fourth Battalion, Company B: Front Row —** Brett Johnson, Annette Hernandez. **Second Row —** Mike Ennis, Warren Salvatore, Ed Grabowski, John Kanell, Tom Hardy, Tony Mellema, Larry Ennis. **Third Row —** Jimmy Williams, John Heinkel, Tom Dyer, John McClure, Ted Engelhart, John Brady, Steve Kroetsch, Greg Williams, Robert Lannen. **Fourth Row —** Marie Smith, Doug Gibson, Mike Brown, Derrick Jackson, Nathanial Brand, Margie Kinchen, Charles Rhoden, Genesis Black. **Fifth Row —** April Brown, Mark Gearhart, Andy May, Billy Bragg, Brian Mansell, Karen Dunsmore, Che Se, Tonya McMullen, Marion Brown. **Sixth Row —** Jack McStravic, Junior Peck, Mark Beattie, Joey Rowland, James Kuehn, Gene Williams, Phillippe Saumier. **Seventh Row —** James Curls, Dawn Merritt, David Smith, Richard Dobson, Todd Brown, Tony Pierce, Robert Trubiano, Shawn Riley, Robert Noegel. **Eighth Row —** Sassy Southworth, James Hartman, Keith Edge, Dan Loughren, Chuck Leithold, Ralph Roberts, Jon Lopez, Dale Maynard. **Back Row —** Annie Brown, Dionne Cody, Cassandra Whittye, Todd Mikkleson, William Barnes, Debbie Otero, Shannon Dunn **2 —** Standing at ease waiting for their next command were Sgt. Jon Lopez, Sgt. Dan Loughren, PFC Robert Noegel, PFC Cassandra Whittye, and SSG James Curls.

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A cadence intermittently echoed through hallways and classrooms. Students clad in light green uniforms scurried here and there, saluting those of higher rank and talking of upcoming maneuvers. No, this wasn't a military academy; the soldiers were members of North's own military unit, the Fourth Battalion of the JROTC.

Under the experienced guidance of Sgt. James Scofield, the Fourth Battalion grew in four years to over 160 students. Outstanding leadership was provided by Battalion Commander, LTC Ron Merritt; Battalion Executive Officer, Maj. Annette Hernandes; and Brigade Training Officer, LTC Brett Johnson. Other cadet officers were Battalion Personnel Officer, Cpt. John Kanell; Battalion Intelligence Officer, Cpt. Steve Muri; Battalion Training Officer, Maj. Ed Grabowski; Battalion Supply Officer, Cpt. Carole Worthington; Company "A" Commander, Cpt. Don Estlund; and Company "B" Commander, Cpt. Tom Hardy.

JROTC stands for the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. The program introduces cadets to many of the same skills they would encounter in basic training in the Armed Services. They additionally received training in leadership, respect, dependability, tolerance, and enthusiasm.

Lee County has one of the largest JROTC units in the United States. Every year Cypress Lake High School, the Lee County JROTC Headquarters, hosts the Annual Federal Inspection of the troops. At this inspection, active U.S. Army officers grade the battalions and the Lee County Brigade in appearance and performance.

North's JROTC Battalion marched in the Edison Pageant of Lights Parade and North's Homecoming Parade, and the battalion colorguard appeared at the dedication ceremonies for the University of South Florida, North's Commencement Ceremony and various military funerals. Each spring the JROTC held a county wide Military Ball to celebrate the completion of another successful year and to bid farewell to their graduating comrades.

By participating in the JROTC students helped prepare themselves for the future. Colleges, military schools, and academics also looked to the Corps for potential scholarship recipients. The experiences gained in the classroom or on the drill field helped future military personnel progress more rapidly. North graduate Tom Montefinese '82, now a member of the U.S. Air Force found adjusting to military life and basic training quite easy. "I owed it all to Sgt. Scofield and my ROTC training. He taught me the right way, the military way to do things and it surely helped me get ahead quickly."

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**1** — Leading off the gala Homecoming '82 Parade was the official North Fort Myers High JROTC Color Guard composed of Tom Hardy, James Curls, Terrance Reed and Steve Pate. **2 — North Fort Myers High JROTC, Fourth Battalion, Company A: Front Row** — Brett Johnson, Annette Hernandez. **Second Row** — Jennifer Nicks, Ken Sapp, Warren Salvatore, Sean Meyers, Ed Grabowski, John Kanell, Wayne Pearce. **Third Row** — Terrance Reed, Robert Wilkey, Paul Carnell, Joe Ligotti, Robert Frank, Susan Brady, Matt Bender. **Fourth Row** — Steve Pate, James Cooke, Kyle Eignor, Danny Johnson, Mike Dillon, Laura Marsh, Tim Fair. **Fifth Row** — Donna Graham, Denise Hernandez, Gene McMullen, Lee Grey, Brian Aalto, Mike Zilen, Jimmy Cail. **Sixth Row** — Beatrice Loggins, Reginald Bronson, Dale Mathewson, Troy Crooks, Donna Miceli, Lorenda Davis. **Seventh Row** — Mark Aalto, Peter Zanko, Robert Moore, Tim Brown, Fred Vogelsong, Elizabeth Todd. **Eighth Row** — Steve DelVecchio, Pam Brady, Tony Montagnari, June Ebert, Ralph Black, Betty Cole. **Back Row** — Gary Melvin, Jeff Lennon, Paul Melvin, Ed Henson, Tommie Cole, Lori Aalderink **3** — Sgt. Carey Ross and Sgt. David Smith stood at attention while their commanding officers, LTC Ron Merritt and LTC Brett Johnson inspected their firearms.

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**1** — S.G.A. President Kim Kibler and V.P. Darlene Dials took charge of beginning of the year class assemblies. **2** — **Student Advisory Committee: Front Row** — Polly Lovett, Sue Green, Shavon Golden, Desiree Golden, Yvette Yslas, Carolyn Dickerson. **Second Row** — Neal Jackson, James Giles, Paul Davis, Al Jenkins, Joe Williams, Ed Cavazos. **Back Row** — Adviser Bobbie Dewey, Kelly Eichner, Cindy Equivel, Tracey Battle, Melody Addison, Vircel Williams. **3** — The S.A.C. truck in the '82 Homecoming Parade carried the First Place Winners of the Shoe Box Float Competition and their entry. **Front Row** — Norma Gutierrez, Sandra Garcia. **Back Row** — Mark Collins, Dale Kingsbury, Wayne Rhodes, Terri Cole.

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# The Right to Govern Themselves

Getting students involved in school government and on advisory committees was no problem at North. Many students wanted a voice in decision and policy making, and three campus organizations actively sought members who wanted to work with administration, faculty, and staff to solve school problems, to plan student activities, and to help make North High an even more outstanding educational institution. These three organizations were Student Government Association (SGA), Student Advisory Committee (SAC) and Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

The SGA, sponsored by Dave Giompalo and led by officers Kim Kibler, President; Darlene Dials, Vice-President, Bonnie Bough, Treasurer, and Teresa Roof, Secretary, felt student participation in all types of activities and all aspects of campus life was of the utmost importance. Aided by the SGA Senate, comprised of the presidents of all North's clubs and organizations and the House of Representatives, comprised of homeroom representatives, the officers planned all of the multiple Homecoming Week activities, sponsored the Homecoming Dance, and organized and supervised all school or class elections.

The purpose of the SAC was to plan and conduct activities which would enhance cultural understanding, develop handicap awareness, and help overcome the effects of sex and ethnic stereotyping. Mrs. Bobbie Dewey, Committee Sponsor said, "SAC was formed to provide a forum for students to express their concerns regarding all areas of discrimination. Members saw or anticipated problems and sought fair, equitable solutions."

Originally members of the Student Advisory Committee were selected by faculty and administration. Now vacancies are filled from a list of interested students by members of the committee who attempt at all times to achieve a fair representation of backgrounds and ideas. Since SAC is funded by the Federal Government through ESAA, the Emergency School Aid Act, members are not restricted in the scope of their involvement and activities by having to con-

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**1 — Youth Advisory Committee: Front Row —** Shavon Golden, Barbara Peterson, Ronnie Anderson, April Brown, Linda Walker, Marie Smith, Manuel Collazo. **Back Row —** Arlanda Barnes, Adviser Bertha Toivonen, Annette Bellamy, Debbie Briggs, Coury Macdonald, Scott Bell, Sean Macdonald, Adviser Liz Culleton. **2 —** "A group of basic foods" paraded for the Y.A.C. during the Homecoming parade.

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**1** — Hard at work meeting the problems that occur at North High were S.A.C. members Rita Scott, Al Jenkins, Joe Williams, Adviser Bobbie Dewey, Ed Cavazos, Kelly Eichner. **2** — President of Y.A.C., Coury Macdonald confers about upcoming committee activities during lunch period with Bertha Toivenen, his adviser and lunchroom supervisor. **3** — "It's never all work" when Dave Giompalo is your adviser. S.G.A. officers, Darlene Dials, Bonnie Bouch, Teresa Roof, and Kim Kibler, enjoyed many laughs with "Mr. G" while planning Homecoming Week activities.

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# The Right to Govern Themselves . . . (CONT.)

duct fund raising activities.

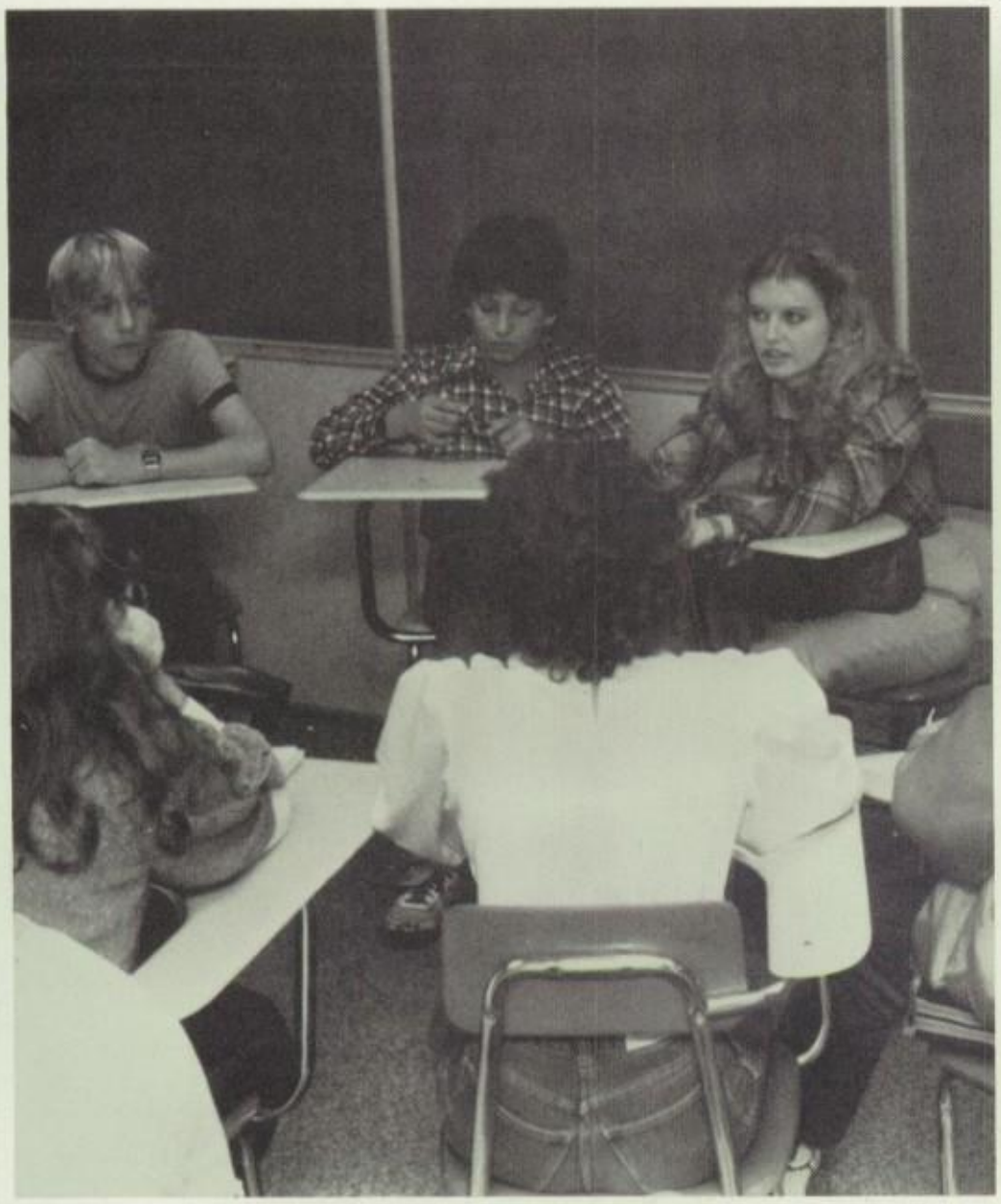
Chairman Neal Jackson, Co-Chairperson Shavon Golden, and Secretary Desiree Golden worked with the committee members and Mrs. Dewey in a variety of projects throughout the year. Under the direction of Melody Mitchitell, Freshman Counselor, they embarked on a peer counseling program with freshmen. This counseling attempted to increase interest in academics, extra-curricular activities, and sports, and to help freshmen adjust to the demands placed on them by life at North High.

Other activities and programs sponsored by SAC were a bus trip to the St. Pete Folk Festival, the Homecoming shoe box float parade, the homeroom volleyball tournament, and the Arthur Hall Assembly featuring ethnic dancing. They also promoted participation in the Lee County International Folk Exhibition and student involvement in community fine art events.

Seeing that the cafeteria remained an enjoyable place to eat, that meals served appealed to North students, and promoting better nutrition were the main goals of the Youth Advisory Committee. YAC plans special monthly menus as well as sponsoring a "lucky luncher" award each month, where the winner is presented with tickets to a local concert, show, or sporting event. Funds to pay for these tickets were raised by members through T-shirt sales and baked goods and bread sales.

YAC officers for 1982-83 were Chairman Coury Macdonald, Assistant Chairman Marie Smith, Secretary April Brown, and Treasurer Genesis Black. Mrs. Bertha Toivenen and Mrs. Liz Culleton served as Committee Advisers. These leaders helped members prepare for their participation in the Florida State YAC Conference and create an entry for a state-wide contest sponsored by the Florida Citrus Council.

One way to prepare future citizens for the challenges and responsibilities they will face as adults, was to train them while in school. The underlying principal of our Democratic form of government is for the people, by themselves or through their elected representatives, to establish the policies, laws, and principals under which they shall live. At North Fort Myers High School, the SGA, SAC, and YAC stressed this tenet and so the student body had . . . the right to govern themselves.



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**1 —** S.A.C. Peer Counseling Leader Susan Green enjoyed a rap session with Kim Moore, Brian Mansell, Scott Shore, and Nancy Vracar members of Ms. Bev Gaudelli's health class. **2 — Student Government Association: Front Row —** Vicky Cooley, Tami Zambito, Diane Hinkle, Michelle Olson. **Second Row —** Bonnie Bouch, Teresa Roof, Kim Kibler, Darlene Dials. **Back Row —** Tammy Saucier, Kim Adams, Kim Moody, Ellen Ayres, Patti Talley, Rita Scott, Paula Jones.

**1** — Preparing tasty hot dogs to satisfy hungry Red Knights Mark Arlington and Mrs. Pat Radomski, and at the same time build their organization treasury, were Thespian Adviser Andrea Getzlaff and members Dana Berry, Ken Collins, and Monica Haggard. **2** — Thespians took their Christmas Show and Santa Claus Robert Childers over to Tropic Isles Elementary to entertain the "tiny ones."

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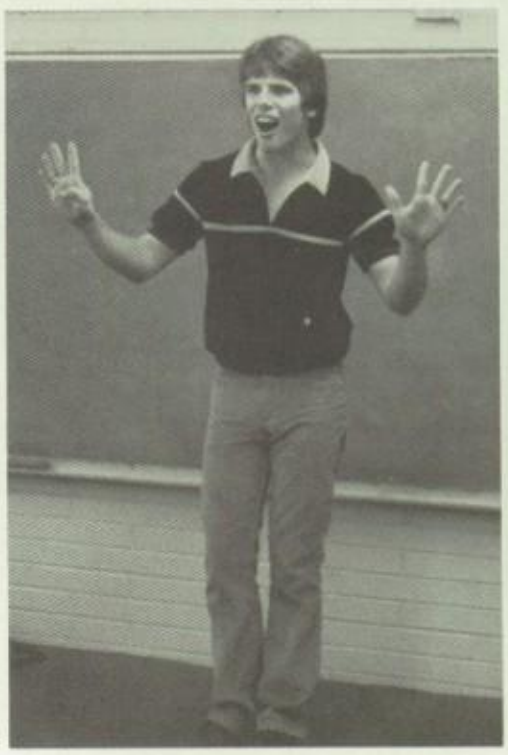
**3 — Thespian Troupe #2519: Front Row** — Maria Schoonover, Ken Collins, Monica Haggard, Adviser Andrea Getzlaff, Mark Arlington, Sheryl Miller, Lori Pastirik. **Second Row** — Neal Jackson, Andrea McCrea, Jody Morrison, Christy Ratliff, Carolyn Dickerson, Debbie DeArmond, Kathleen Beebe, David Becktol, Allyson Jones. **Third Row** — Carla Martin, Carla Townsend, Tonya Becker, Angela DeSear, Sean Macdonald, Julie Beattie, Mary DeAntoni, Rose Ann Ulino, Robin Garner, Pam Volk, Ellen Ayres, Toni Ponte, Renee Murphy, Alicia Johnson, Nancy Vracar, Debbie Briggs, Molly Brodeur, Dawn Morrison, Stephanie Meyer, Robyn Maker, Shelley Messall, Eileen Teter. **Back Row** — Jason Cash, Raedene Turco, Richard Pointke, Leslie Motter, Dana Berry, Steve Callari. **4** — Dividing his talent and time between Forensics and Thespians was Mark Arlington.



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# Showcase for Talent

Many students dream of performing, being in the spotlight and receiving recognition for their oratory or theatrical efforts. Two organizations at North High that helped students turn their dreams into reality were Forensics and Thespians.

Forensics, under the direction of Suzanne Jager, was an advanced speech organization. Its members prepared individual or group presentations which were comprised of 90% vocal interpretation with a minimum of 10% movement. Competitors were not allowed props of any kind, could not participate in interplay with other performers, and were not permitted visual contact with the audience except during their introduction.

There was only a formal Forensics class first semester, but Mrs. Jager and the 1982-83 officers, President Clayton Stumpp, Vice-President Tammy Saucier, Treasurer Steve Callari, Recorder Lisa Beller, and Clerk Paul Murphy, made sure all members had plenty of exciting and rewarding competition throughout the year. Some of these included the Lee County Tournament held at Fort Myers High in December, the Naples-Lely Tournament in January, and District Competition held on January 29 and State Forensics Competition on February 26 in Tampa. Mark Arlington walked away with a first in Humorous Interpretation and Tammy Saucier received a fourth in Dramatic Interpretation at District and represented North High at State.

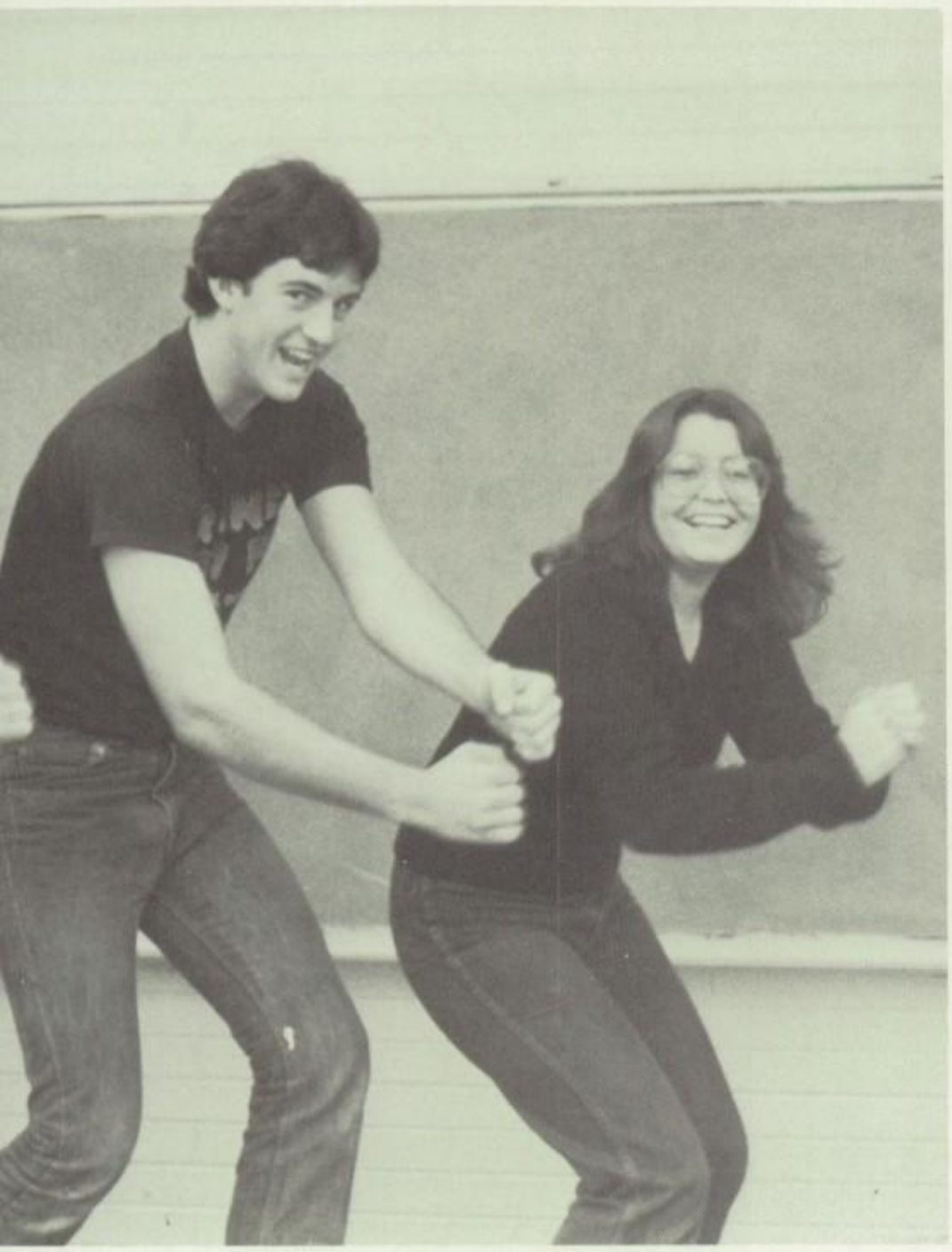
Although practice for these competitions took many hours, days, weeks and months and their membership was small, they worked hard selling key chains and laminated posters to help meet travel expenses to Forensic events and attempting to interest additional Knights in this type of activity the next year.

This past year all members of the dramatic classes were invited to become Thespian apprentices with the opportunity to earn the honor of becoming members of Troop #2519 of the International Thespian Society. This enlarged Thespian membership and proved to be a tremendous help to Adviser Andrea Getzlaff and officers, President Mark Arlington, Vice-President Tim Bass, Secretary-Treasurer Lori Pastirik, Publicity Chairperson Tonya Becker, and Historian Robyn Maker, when it came to organizing productions, competition, and fund raising. Members sold apothecary jars filled with popcorn and matching salt and pepper shakers, acrylic greeting cards, baked goods, and ads for their performance programs and held car washes at the Burger King in North Fort Myers.

Thespians had a full year of productions during 1982-83. In September they staged a dinner-talent show, "Knights in Lights." Then in October, a mystery-comedy "Lights Out" proved to be fun for everyone. At Christmas they produced a series of one-acts to entertain children at the Red Knight Play School, the Edison Mall, and Tropic Isles and Suncoast Elementary Schools.

Along with all the productions and fund raising projects, Thespians also had continuous tournaments and competitions to attend. On January 11, North's Troup hosted the District VI Individual Events Tournament qualifying eight students for the State Competition in Gainsville in April.

Each of these two organizations in their own particular way, worked towards the same goal. They helped train North's gifted orators, actors, and actresses and provided a showcase for their talent.



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**1 — Forensics Club: Front Row —** Tammy Saucier, Walter Ratliff, and Tim Bass. **Back Row —** Lisa Beller, Jason Cash, Mark Arlington, Adviser Suzanne Jager, Chris Harnett, Steve Callari, Francine Rubinstein. **2 —** Practicing their group interpretation for upcoming Forensic competition (or was it the finals in canoe racing) were Tim Bass, Steve Callari, and Tammy Saucier.

**1 — F.B.L.A. General:** Adviser Sandra McCready, Terri Jo Kannus, Cindy Davis, Regina Jencks, Carol Harbert, Blanca Santos, Charlote Taylor, Gloria Greenwood. **2 —** Practicing her typing skills for the district and state F.B.L.A. competition was Blanca Santos.

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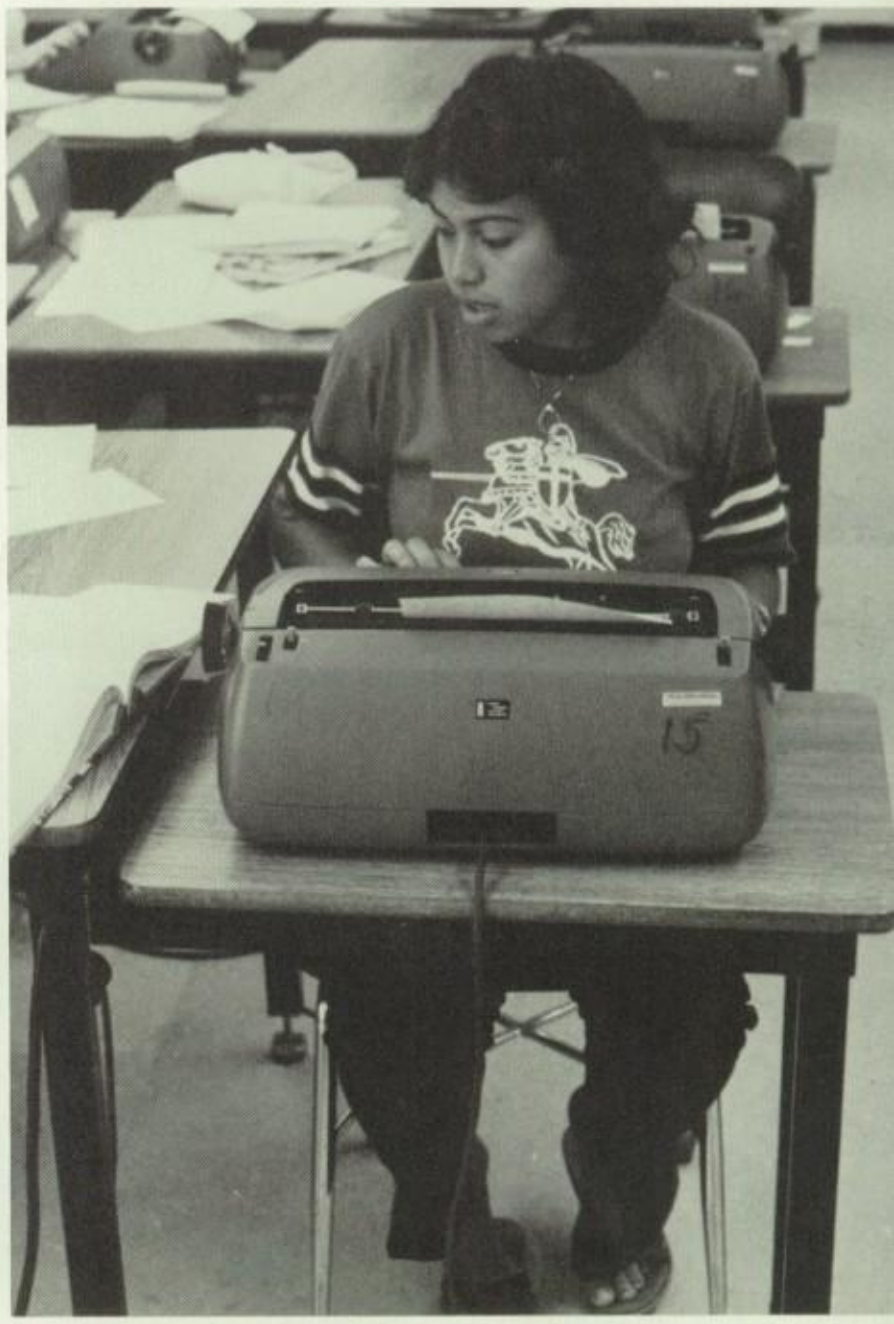

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# Stepping Into Tomorrow

To enable students to learn and perfect skills and abilities today that would help them secure a place in the world of business was the main aim of North's two chapters of the Future Business Leaders of America. North has had a very successful F.B.L.A./C.B.E. chapter for many years. Its one shortcoming had been that its members were seniors enrolled in the Cooperative Business Education program. It lacked sufficient numbers of underclassmen to train over an extended period of time or to become active at the district level. For that reason a new chapter, the F.B.L.A. General was begun this year.

This new group, advised by Sandra McCready, recruited members from the general business, shorthand, and typing classes. They met during activity period and spent additional time weekly perfecting their skills for future competition. Officers elected for this initial year were President Blanca Santos, Vice-President Carol Harbert, and Secretary Terri Jo Kannus.

North's departments and organizations continued to depend on the F.B.L.A./C.B.E. to perform a multitude of secretarial duties. Members spent many hours typing, reproducing, and collating programs, packets, and newsletters or manning the school switchboard.

Developing leadership skill was considered as important an aspect of F.B.L.A. training as was perfecting ability in the job oriented fields. For this reason club officers, President Sherri Sullivan, Vice-President Kim Kibler, Secretary Desiree Golden, Treasurer Mary Massoth, Reporter Elaine Schulte, Historian Tracy Mann, Social Chairman Debbie Raulerson, Service Chairman Debbie Ripple, Point Chairman Tonya Becker, Parliamentarian Sharon Hadsock, and Avon Chairman Teresa Roof, were diligent in fulfilling their responsibilities and filing reports at both the district and state levels.

Besides classroom projects and their off campus jobs, F.B.L.A. members were kept busy with fund raising activities such as selling Avon and pro-football tumblers; service projects such as "trick-or-treating" children at Lee Memorial Hospital at Halloween an providing food baskets for the needy Thanksgiving; and social events such as the breakfast workshops, a Christmas party and the annual Employer-Employe Banquet.

During first semester all members spe hours working with Adviser Becky Pa perfecting those skills in which they wou be tested at county, district, and sta meetings. Competition began with an intr county rally at Cape Coral High. This wa followed February 26 with a district meet Cypress Lake High. District winne traveled to the state convention in Orlan in April.

When May 27, North's Graduation Da arrived a new group of members was rea to step into the spots vacated by departme members. Seniors bid a reluctant farew and then . . . stepped into tomorrow, kno ing their future in the business world wa based on a firm foundation of skill and abi ty, learned and perfected at North Hig School.

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**1 — C.B.E./F.B.L.A.: Front Row —** Mary Massoth, Sherri Sullivan, Desiree Golden, Debbie Raulerson, Joy Wagener, Debbie Ripple, Tonya Becker, Tracy Cannon, Kelly Ahlefeld, Kim Kibler, Teresa Roof. **Back Row —** Carla Howard, Yolanda Johnson, Sharon Hadsock, Teresa Hanson, Jocelyn Bird, Tracy Mann, Crystal McNally, Elaine Schulte, Lorie Gage, Adviser Becky Pacl. **2 — C.B.E./F.B.L.A.** members Lorie Gage receives an Avon order from faculty member Charleen Fischer. **3 —** Mary Massoth and her fellow C.B.E. classmates spent a Saturday morning with Windex bottles and paper towels, cleaning windshields for donations to the Humane Society.

**1 — D.C.T.: Front Row —** Darin Gardner, Ron Adamcik, Mike Rickard, Lury Graham, Cathy Crocker, Terri Cole, Chris Karcher, Tom Cambell, Greg DeArmond. **Back Row —** Adviser Jim Bohannon, Mark Beigh, Scott Snyder, Kurt Hopson, Troy Garrett, David Rice, Matt Grant, Ron Renfroe, Mike Asselin. **2 —** Frank Milner discussed classwork and his grading system with D.C.T. students Cindy Petty and Betty Jo Volovlek. **3 —** Coming in the stadium to receive the applause of fellow Knights was the D.E.C.A. car and float. Participants in their entry were Cliff Sheehan, Tom Cook, Rob Onson, Theresa Smith, Ricky Rumph, and Debbie Cira.

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**1** — Enjoying the Christmas D.E.C.A. breakfast at Village Inn were Alice Manson, Cliff Sheehan, Rick McComb, Debbie Cira, and Renee Rudd. **2** — **Work Experience: Front Row** — Larry Brown, Kecia Outley, Antonis Arocho, Carrie Arciszewski, Darrell Perkins, Stacy Manuels. **Back Row** — Adviser Howard Baier, Grant Bohanon, Willie Bailey, Ted Skinner, Mark Collins, Kevin Hickman, Mike Baudino.

# Knight Shift

Three programs at North High helped the work minded students prepare for his future while he received credit for his job. One of these programs was available during each of the four years the student attended high school.

As freshmen, students were given the opportunity to enroll in two Work Experience classes, one directed by C. Howard Baier and the other by Bruce Forster. The enrolled students attended class two periods a day, where they learned job attainment and job retention skills. One of the requirements of the program was that the students hold a work position in the community and be observed and evaluated by their adviser and employer for additional academic credit.

Most W.E. students attended school on a modified schedule. They left school after fourth or fifth period and reported directly to their place of employment. The motto of the program "A fair day's pay for a fair day's work" was adhered to closely by the students and the cooperating employees and accounted for the continued success of the program.

Diversified Cooperative Training (D.C.T.) was open to tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders under the direction of Frank Milner and James Bohannon. A two hour block of class instruction in addition to a daily minimum of three hours on-the-job training kept the Knights involved in this program really "on the go."

D.C.T. was one of the oldest vocational work programs within the state of Florida. Its purpose was to provide a vocational program with a diversified job outlook for high school students who want to gain work experience in line with their future goals and interests, while still attending classes in their high school. They received graduation credit for their classroom participation and for their on-the-job-training, thus fulfilling their need and desire of "learning while earning."

The two units of D.C.T. act seperately but are involved in similar activities such as breakfast meetings and preparation for district and state competition under the auspices of the State Diversified Cooperative Training Club of Florida. Students learned early in D.C.T. to use class time constructively to perfect skills that could help them earn higher wages through promotions or added responsibility.

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**1** — Waiting on a customer at their "sub" booth during Homecoming Field Day were Debbie Zabinofsky, Debora Cira, Manuel Cox, and Sherry Rudd. **2 — D.E.C.A.: Front Row** — Amanda Marinell, Renee Rudd, Rick McComb, Robert Onson, George Welch, Manuel Cox, Ricky Rumph, Todd Oliver, Cliff Sheehan, Denise DiGiacomo, Rose Reid. **Back Row** — Adviser Marty Zolno, Theresa Smith, Sherry Rudd, Kelly McConnell, Celina Stanford, Debora Cira, Karen Putmon, Laura Davis, Alice Manson, Debbie Zabinofsky, Angela Scurry. **3** — Cleaning the inside of automobiles was only one of the tasks D.C.T. students Kurt Hopson and Troy Garrett had to perform during work hours at the Regency Car Wash.

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## Knight Shift . . . (CONT.)

During their two hour class period, the Distributive Education Club of America (D.E.C.A.) students explored the world of marketing and merchandising. The instruction they received in retailing, advertising, finance, credit, insurance, and real estate was helpful in tackling the problems they faced in their off-campus jobs.

The twenty-nine members of the class elected their 1982-83 officers early in September. They were President Karen Putmon, Senior Vice-President Rose Reed, Junioe Vice-President Angela Scurry, Corresponding Secretary Bernicene Coleman, Recording Secretary Robin Sylvester, Treasurer Robert Onson, Parliamentarian Todd Oliver, Chaplin Ricky Rumph, Historian Theresa Smith, and Assistant Historian Dawn Jackson. These officers, under the direction of their new adviser Marty Zolno, worked hard to organize a calendar filled with fund raising, social, and professional growth activities.

D.E.C.A. operated the school store where students could purchase pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, typing supplies, and numerous other items necessary for class work. Knowing their needs for money throughout the year to finance organization activities, charities, and trips to district, state, and national D.E.C.A. meetings would far exceed their profits from this merchandising enterprise, they put their salesmanship techniques to work among their fellow Knights. Members kept busy selling key chains, customized bumper stickers, and all purpose cleaner.

During Homecoming '82 D.E.C.A. members really got involved. Besides selling subs at Field Day and during the Homecoming pep rally, they showed their spirit by presenting a fashion show at the stadium and still found time to decorate a car and build a float for the parade.

Breakfast meetings with guest speake and continual preparation for competitio and participation at district meetings, ke these working Knights constantly involve Annual competition in the district D.E.C. rally meant demonstrating their proficie cies in dealing with problems and situatio in the work field in which they had fou employment. Winners at district level th proceeded to state competition and hopef ly, national.

Even with class, job, and home respo sibilities, the students involved in these thr programs still had time to be Red Knigh Their efforts in behalf of charitable caus such as M.D.A. brought thanks from t community and recognition to North Fo Myers High School. They were worki Knights with a purpose; on their way becoming responsible members of t business community.

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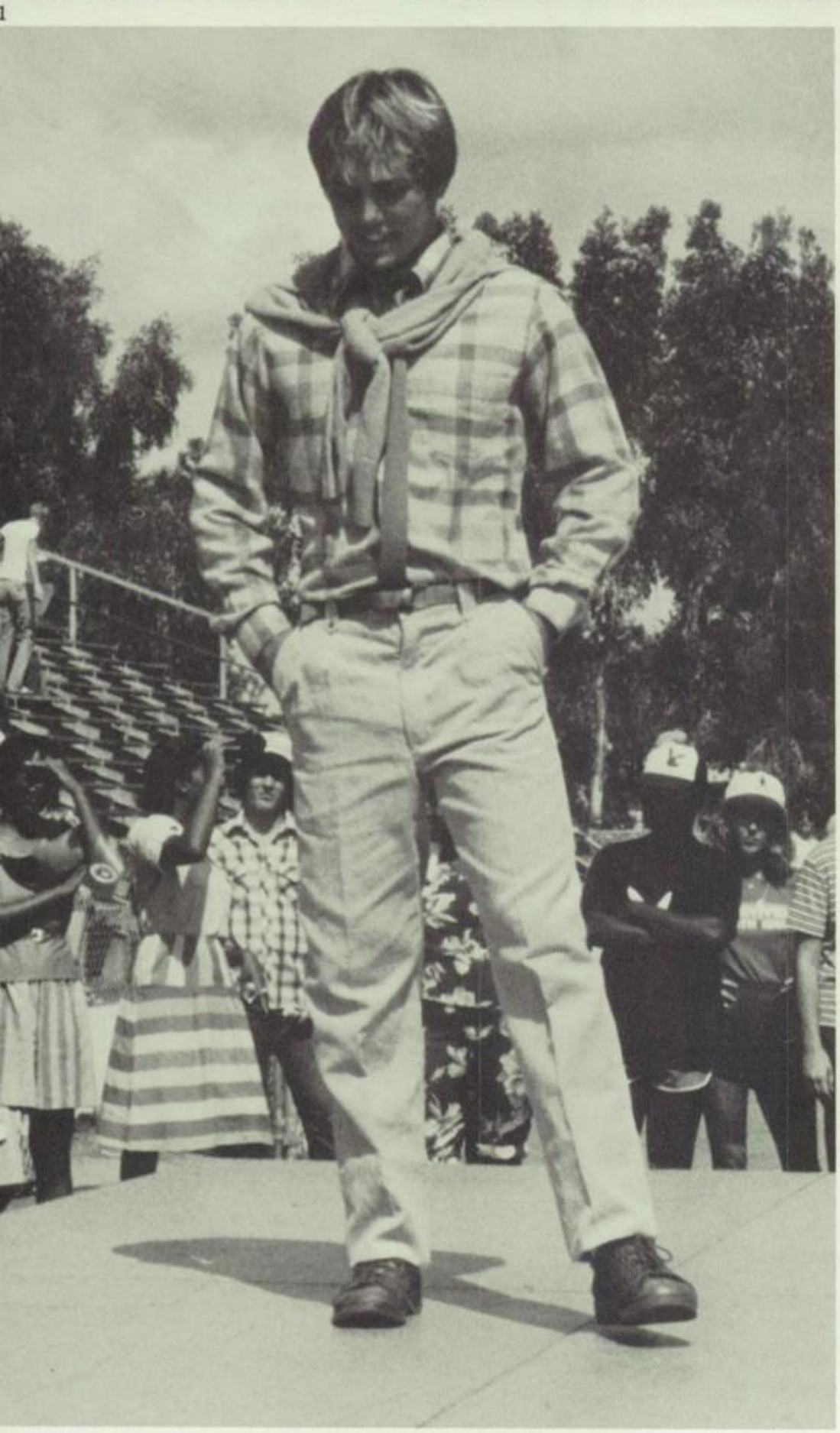

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**1 — Work Experience: Front Row —** Albert Knighten, David Zammerilla, Dwain Martin, Margie Singleton, Sandee Hawkins, Honda Harris, Shannon Lee, James Reece. **Back Row —** Mercedes Cruz, Richard Long, Cedrick Putmon, Norman Van Echteld, Shannon Steiner, Charles Pierce, Thomas Cook, Darrlyn Peterson, Paul Parker, Adviser Bruce Forster. **2 —** Learning that the "World of Male Fashion" was not merely selling clothes but modeling them, Rob Onson took to the stage during the D.E.C.A. Homecoming Fashion Show. **3 — D.C.T.: Front Row —** Gary Melvin, Russell Johnson, Robert Shreffler, David Sims. **Second Row —** Becky Jo Haller, Betty Jo Volovlek, Carolyn Jackson, Lynn Barnes, Sheryl McCartney, Shelli Garringer, Adviser Frank Milner. **Back Row —** John Drawdy, Ben Gittleman, Angela Gainer, Cindy Petty, Catherine Park.

**1** — Spending a quiet moment with the FHA adopted grandfather, Mr. Hobart, were Laura Novotany, Angie Caudill, Laura Bahrs, Tammy Reist, and Cindy Petty during a F.H.A. visit to the Lee Convalescent Home. **2** — Sue Torvinen rode to the center of the arena in order to start the FFA Fall Rodeo festivities.

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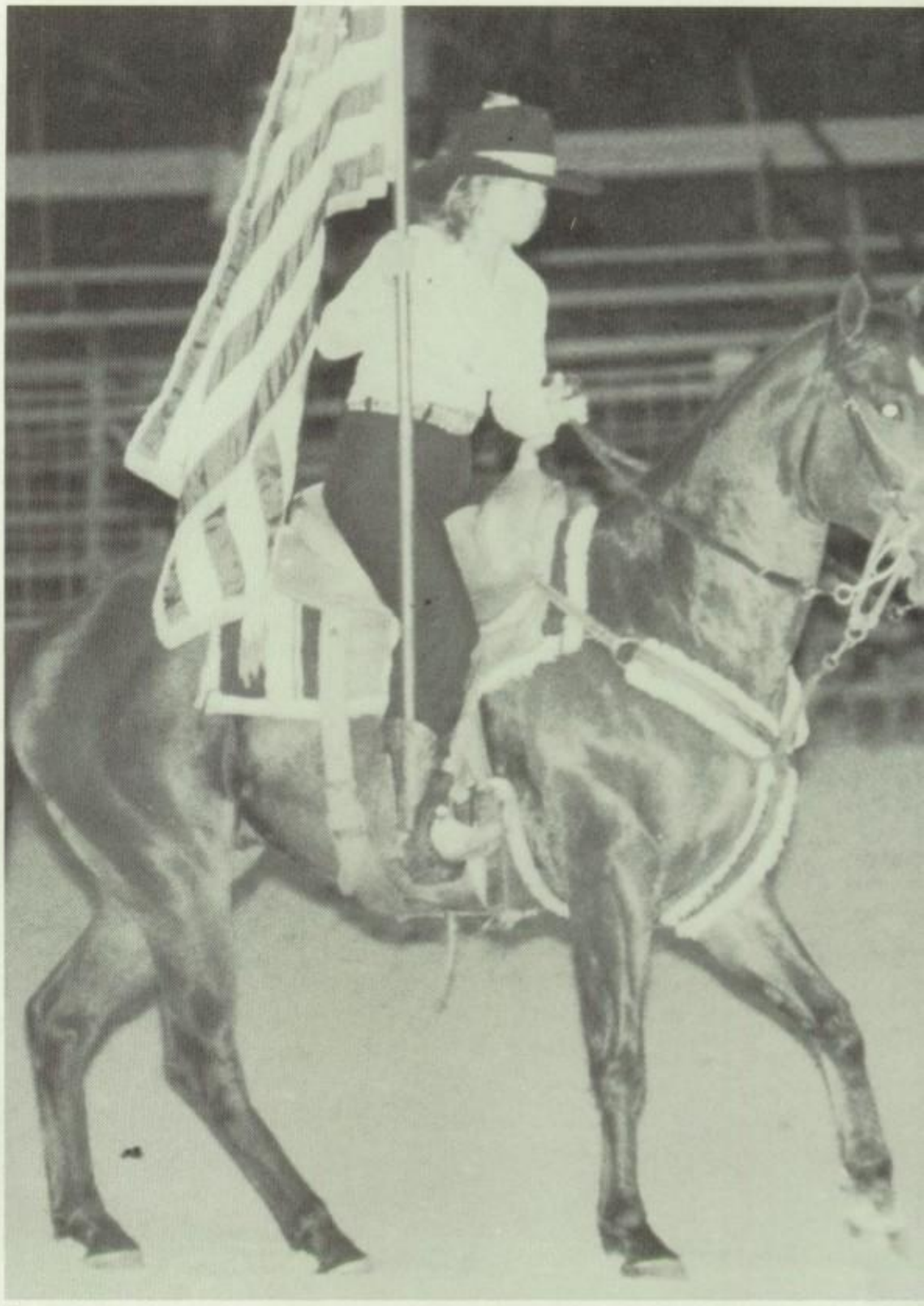

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**FFA: Front Row** — Paul McDonald, Missi Rowan, Vickie Helms, Jackie Schulte, Sue Torvinen, Wayne McKibbins, Shaun Earhart, Julie Barber, Candi Ellswort Cheryl Bauchert, Kristina Gunn, Kevin Snyder. **Second Row** — Lana Flint, Skeeter Stanford, Joel Corbin, Dave Kuser, Shad Dean, Larry Smith, Mike Cornel Roger Fahrner, Jon McMann, David Tanner, Eric Elliot, Chris Savareid, Shannon Lee, Kevin Kelly, Sharlene Whidden. **Back Row** — Jimmy Harrison, Mark Hughe Tina Brooks, Rick Eash, Linda Smith, Dawn Matson, Craig Giovannelli, Joby Gay, Tracy Mann, Mandy John, Staci Ludwig, Jim Hepp, Gary Richardson, Brenda Man Mike Brown, Wesley Jackson, Sonja McDaniel.

# Better Homes and Gardeners

When America was young the most popular occupation for a man was farming, and most women stayed home, content to cook, sew, clean, and raise children. With the advent of industrialization, the popularity of "city life" and the automobile, an increased divorce rate and women's lib . . . times changed. Now you can hardly keep young people "down on the farm" and home has become merely a place to sleep, change clothes, and occasionally eat.

At North High though things were a bit different from the "National Norm." Being country or wanting to learn how to run a home, care for children, cook, and sew was not considered "old fashioned," and two of the most popular clubs on campus were F.F.A. (Future Farmers of America) and F.H.A. (Future Homemakers of America).

The F.F.A. membership was composed of both males and females who sought to make agriculture and animal oriented professions a major part of their futures. Under the guidance of two new sponsors, North staff member Sonja McDaniel and community leader James Gay, this large, enthusiastic group got involved in activities on campus and in the community. Led by their elected officers President Joby Gay, Vice-President Craig Giovannelli, Secretary Tracy Mann, Treasurer Mandy John, and Reporter Dawn Matson, they entered livestock and dairy judging competition, had a Southwest Florida Fair project, built a Homecoming float, staged a Christmas Party, sponsored the F.F.A. Rodeo, and went to district and state meetings. Selling B-B-Q ribs and operating a "Test Your Strength" booth during Field Day, selling tickets on a beef drawing, and staging a horse show and the Rodeo helped them build up their treasury "to pay their own way."

F.H.A. members worked towards making "domestic" responsibilities for both men and women more challenging and exciting, and stimulating interest in careers in child care, culinary arts, clothes production, social work, and nutrition. 1982-83 officers, President Lisa Long, Vice-President Amy Gardner, Secretary Dawn Hepp, Treasurer Allyson Jones, Historian Cheryl Martin, Chaplain Vinita Fine, and Parliamentarian Jody Saucier and advisers Linda Wilson and Debbie Stotz-Wilcox kept projects and activities moving in high gear. Running a computer dating service, selling stationery, McDonald drink cards, cook books, and pin-on buttons, washing cars, and operating an "egg-toss" contest and orange drink booth during Field Day kept money rolling in to support their two pet philanthropic projects. These were providing games and gifts for the children residing at the Lee County Children's Home and adopting two grandmothers, Mrs. Mary Brown and Mrs. Irene Cannon and a grandfather Mr. Hobart at the Lee Convalescent Center and showering them with love, attention, and gifts on their numerous visitations.

Both organizations demanded a great deal of time and effort from their members but the benefits were many. Friendship, service to others, recreation, self-improvement, and preparation for the future were but a few. America's future rests in good hands, thanks to the efforts and determination of F.H.A. and F.F.A. members today.

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**1** — FFA Sweethearts Mandy John and Paul McDonald proudly rode the route of the Homecoming Parade. **2** — **FHA: Front Row** — Debbie Stotz-Wilcox, Lisa MacAbee, Dawn Hepp, Vinita Fine, Allyson Jones, Linda Wilson. **Back Row** — Laura Bahrs, Amy Gardner, Shelly Garringer, Angela Wille.

Although high school life was loaded with extra-curricular activities and friendships, the major objective of school was to educate youth for the future. These students in Mrs. Cuevas' I.P.S. class were hard at work and thus moving one step further into tomorrow's world.

**Editor: Jay Weast**
**Rich Alfano**
**John Gibbons, Jr.**
**Mike McQuinn**

# Curriculum

High school days were meant to be filled with fun, friendship and activities, but the major purpose of school remained . . . education. Curriculum, the course offerings, were keys to the future. They provided North students with the knowledge, skills, purposes, and priorities they would need to successfully meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Although all students were required to complete a required number of courses in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and physical education, the level and type of classes varied with students' abilities and interests. There was a world of difference between a Consumer Math class and Algebra I, between Earth Science and physiology but each was designed to meet the specific needs of a portion of the student population.

Elective courses widened students' horizons, offered variety to their school year, trained them for present and future occupations, and prepared them for additional education. In such classes as music, art, journalism, and drama, talents were expanded; in such classes as typing, accounting, shop, computer science, and home economics, skills were developed; and in such classes as advance placement, chemistry, vocabulary, and calculus, mental processes were sharpened.

Regardless of level placement or course chosen, every student experienced homework and exams. Students complained about homework comparing it to the plague, and exams were considered the ultimate survival test. Curriculum was often like medicine, sometimes bad tasting, but designed to make the student stronger.

Four years at North High passed quickly. The future was upon us before we realized. One minute we were freshmen eager to begin; the next we were seniors sitting in rows in the Lee Civic Center ready to receive our diplomas. Curriculum had given us the power to choose and meet our destinies with confidence.

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**1** — While spending a Monday at the Nature Center, Senior Bonnie Bouch takes the time to say hello to a new found friend. **2** — Paddling their way down a Florida waterway Darrell Davis, Jim Dahlberg, and Glenn Bitter learned from experience in Mrs. Bobbie Dewey's Outdoor P.E. class. **3** — Pausing for a moment to talk to a Nature Center inhabitant was Senior Joni Jeffcoat.

**1** — Jason Cash and Steve Callari used their carpentry skills for an environmental project at Franklin Park Elementary School. **2** — Mrs. Bobbie Dewey helped Sandra Garcia and Lisa Walker launch their craft for their first canoe trip in Outdoor P.E. class.

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# A Natural High

Environmental Education, directed by William Hammond, was designed to help students become more aware of their unique Florida environment. It provided students with an understanding of environmental concepts, taught skills to help solve environmental problems, and provided them with time and equipment to complete an environmental project of their choice.

Students from North High and other area high schools met every other Monday morning at the Environmental Education Center on Ortiz Avenue. There they concentrated on expanding their knowledge by developing environmental action skills that would assist them in accomplishing a project that they felt would contribute to the community and help maintain a quality environment.

Learning was centered around labs, workshops, slide talks, discussions, films, research, and field trips to locally critical areas such as the Six Mile Cypress Swamp, the power plant, or sewage treatment plant. Overnight or weekend trips were planned by the nature center to provide students with a first hand knowledge of Florida's environment. These trips included the Ocala and Withlacoochee Forests for a look at different biological communities and their national forest management plans and a canoe trip.

Two new courses were offered at North High this past year that enabled students to get involved with our environment. These were Environmental Science and Outdoor P.E.

Environmental Science, directed by John Pate and Sylvester Isaac was a full year course which gave students exposure to everyday problems within the community. The class delved into such topics as water quality, air quality, noise pollution, energy, population, and governmental agencies that dealt with all aspects of protecting our environment.

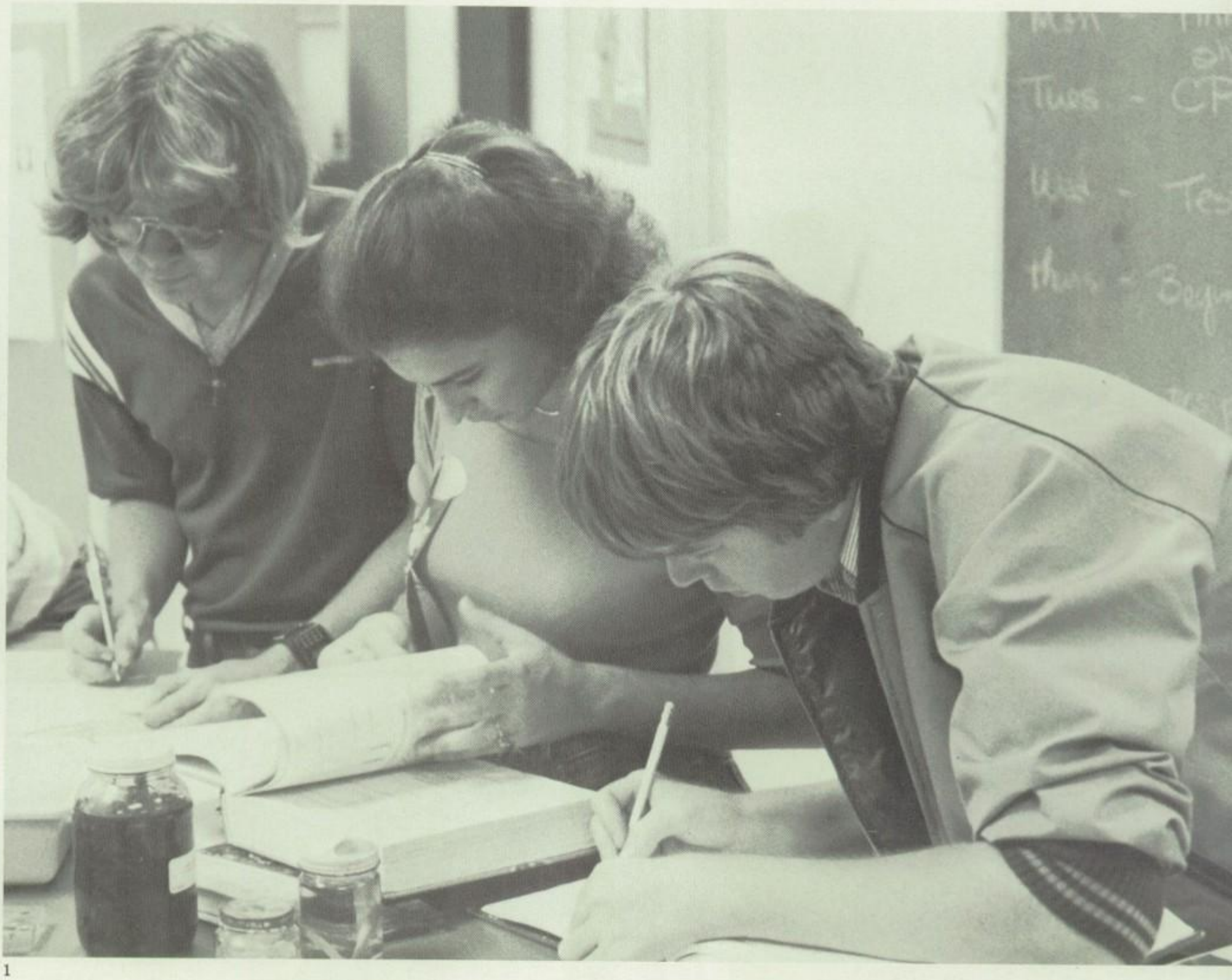
Students taking Environmental Science gave and listened to reports and were given the opportunity to view firsthand the problems and situations studied in the classroom. They went on field trips to the 10 Mile Swamp during a unit on water pollution. While there students learned of the problems that polluting our water supply can cause and what could be done to solve them.

Students, with a C average or better, went on a canoeing trip on the Orange River in December for further study into their unit of thermal pollution. In the spring, those students having at least a B average in the course were given the opportunity to participate in a week-end canoe trip on the Peace River in Charlotte County to review the environmental concepts they had discussed in the classroom throughout the course of studies.

Outdoor P.E., directed by Mrs. Bobbie Dewey provided students with skills to use in our environment, thus teaching them to appreciate the environment as they learned how to preserve and enjoy it. Canoeing, fishing, hunting, outdoor cooking, fire building and knot crafts were just some of the skills taught in this adventurous new P.E. course. The course was only offered to sophomores and most of the students were also enrolled in Mrs. Betty Kayusa's biology classes and Mr. Jack Bovee's and Mrs. Martha Richardson's American History-American Literature-Composition class. Thus the four teachers were able to coordinate all four disciplines as the students studied a unit on the heritage of Florida.

All Mrs. Kayusa's biology classes were invited to accompany this special group when they went on a field trip to the 6 Mile Cypress Swamp and a shell collection adventure on the flats at Punta Rassa.

During the spring a large group of these special sophomores went on a canoe trip down the Peace River. As they canoed down the river they pitched in to gather litter from the water and river banks. This gave them an opportunity not only to improve the environment but to enjoy it as well.



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# Shining Intelligentsia

"Absolute pain", "brain drain", "Pim's Purgatory", and "Space Cadet Headquarters" were but a few of the kinder words used by seniors to describe a new set of advanced courses offered this year. The real names for these two additions to the curriculum were Advanced Placement English and Advanced Placement Biology.

AP courses are college level classes taught in high schools. Scholastically talented seniors who planned to matriculate at a college or university the following year were encouraged to enroll. These courses introduced college level materials, assignments, and teaching methods.

Mrs. Carol Pim and Mrs. Marsha Bishop were responsible for planning the instruction in these high level classes at North. Although many seniors elected to enroll in both courses, it was not required. The two teachers interviewed prospective students before admitting them because they knew that only those with a genuine interest in the content of the course and strong personal and scholastic motivation would be able to successfully deal with the tremendous work load.

In AP English students studied novels and plays such as "Siddhartha", "The Bridge of San Luis Rey", "J.B.", "Medea" and "Twelfth Night". Compositions based on literary themes and critical writings comprised a large portion of the course. A variety of short stories and an in-depth approach to analyzing poetry rounded out the offerings.

AP Biology differed from high school biology in several ways: the material was more detailed and complex; the labs were more complicated and required a higher degree of skill; and the amount of material covered was roughly four times greater. The AP student had to spend at least one hour every night working on the material — either reading, doing lab reports, or preparing for the labs.

All the effort expended in AP courses culminated in May when the AP tests were given nationwide. The resulting scores from these tests might permit a senior to enter college with credits already earned or to enroll in an advanced level of an English or biology course.

Most North students who took advantage of these two AP courses were exhausted but exhilarated. "These courses provided me with a sense of accomplishment upon their completion. They offered an opportunity to achieve the greatest benefits from my high school education," said Terri Osborne, a survivor of both APs.

Lisanne Banta put it another way, "AP has been great training. I now know how to go without food, sleep, and enjoyment all for the sake of higher education!"

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**1** — Ethan Ledford, Dawn French, and John Prickett group together to tackle their experiment in AP Biology. **2** — On their way to a morning at the opera with Mrs. Pim's AP English class were Tammy Griffin, Velvet Huffmaster, Dawn French, Eric Null, Cathy Kubesh, and Ellen Ayers. **3** — Always there to aid in interpreting scientific jargon, Mrs. Marsha Bishop helped Tammy Griffin through a difficult part in the AP Biology textbook. Robby Lennon studied diligently on an assignment. **4** — Mrs. Pim's individual help and lots and lots of reading and writing helped seniors Ron Merritt, Dawn French, Jeri Cunningham, Cathy Kubesh, and Terri Osborne.

# Taking It to the Streets

"O.K. Let's try it again. This time park the car between the two safety cones, not on top of the rear one." Instructions like these were calmly given by Driver's Education Instructor Ted Ferreira over and over during the school year. Ferreira was responsible for teaching the students at North High the "rules of the road" and how to operate a vehicle safely while maintaining it properly.

Driver's Ed was one of the most popular classes taught at North. Most sophomores elected to enroll as it enabled them to earn an elective credit while learning to drive. Successful completion of the course proved helpful to Red Knights in securing their Florida driver's license and often instrumental in securing lower insurance rates.

To be eligible for the course, a student had to be 15 years of age and have a valid learner's permit. This meant a visit to the Florida Highway Driver License Examining Office on 6th Court in Cape Coral or on US 41 South, with parents or legal guardian, to take and pass the written test on driving laws and traffic signs and an eyesight test.

Before students were allowed behind the wheel of a car, weeks were spent in the classroom learning via films, demonstrations, readings, questions, reports, and tests . . . and then more tests. A knowledgeable driver, one that understood his vehicle, the law, the dangers of driving, and safety rules, had more chance of being a good driver.

Finally students were allowed out to the Driver's Education range behind the football field. For many this was their first experience behind a wheel. Carefully, under strict supervision, they went round and round, learning to master shifting, accelerating, stopping, turning, backing, and parallel parking. Quickly the students' classroom knowledge was transferred to the practical, and they began to feel the need to broaden their vistas and take to the roads of Southwest Florida.

Driving upon the highways and biways was done in groups of three in North's 1983 Driver's Ed Buick. With Mr. Ferreira next to the nervous students their fears vanished, and they quickly learned to handle all types of traffic situations, normal or unexpected.

Besides actual driving experience North students learned the correct procedures to follow in car maintenance. Many Knights were surprised to learn what went on under the hood when the key was turned or how to change a tire.

The world revolves on wheels: everybody has somewhere to go, and every American wants to get there in his own car. Our roads get more and more congested, but at least at North High we know we send better trained, more knowledgeable drivers out in traffic, thanks to Ted Ferreira and the high standards set by his department in Driver's Education.

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**1** — Pausing for a moment to receive instruction from Mr. Ferreira before maneuvering on the range was Mike Wright. **2** — Patrick Diggs and Rich Hornburge checked their oil before taking to the road to brush up on their driving skills.

Patrick Diggs

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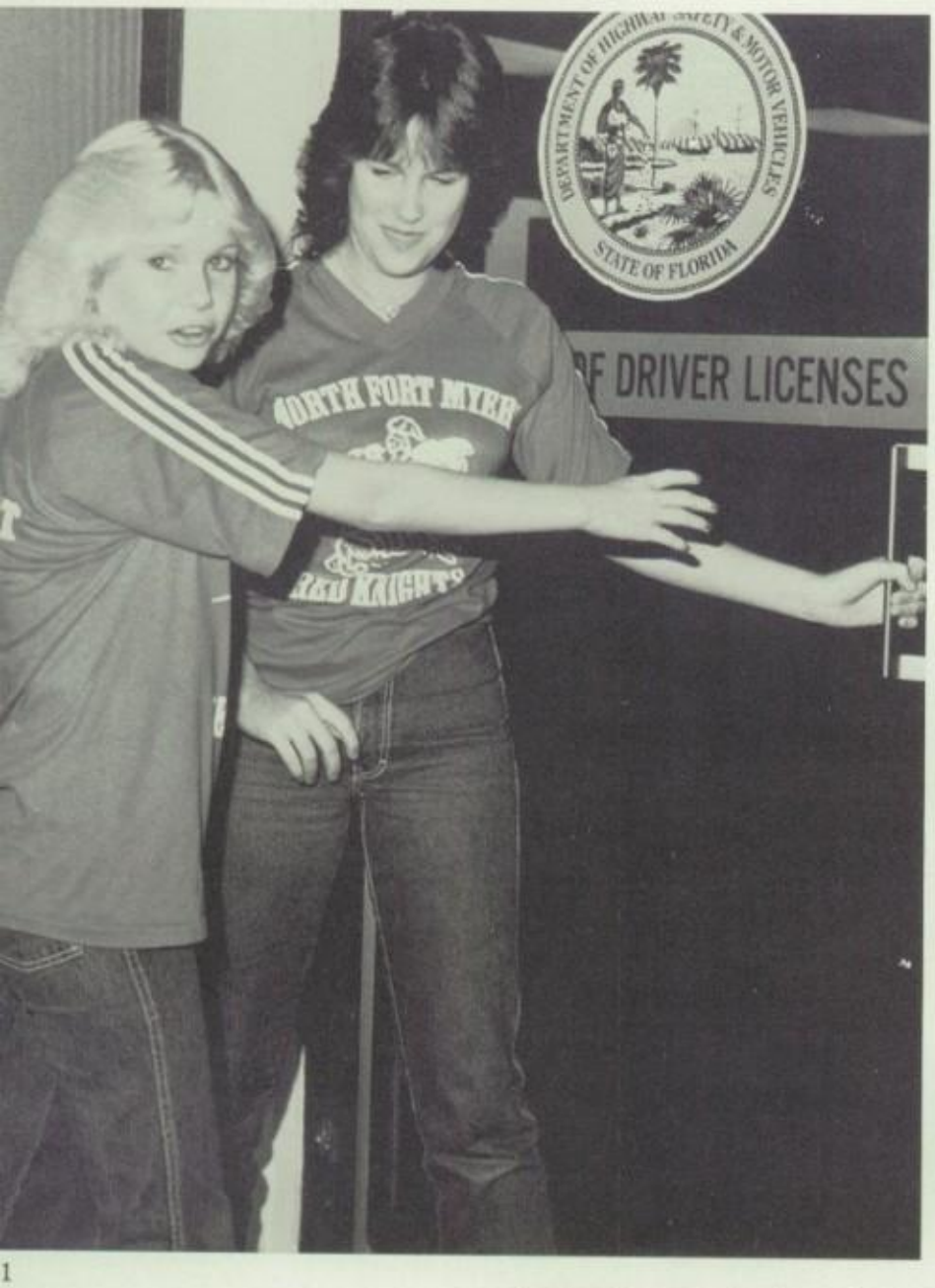


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**1** — Looking a bit nervous before taking their drivers test were Carol Petry and Lori Pastrik. **2** — Most Drivers Ed. students prefer to learn through practice rather than book work. On days that they aren't driving, students must spend the period studying in Mr. Hoover's study hall. **3** — "Am I gonna make it?" Jenny Thomas asked Steve Pate, while parallel parking.

# The Other Side of the Coin

Traditionally home economics was considered a female subject and industrial arts was considered a male subject, but with the arrival of Title IX things began to turn around. Title IX was a Federal Civil Rights Law prohibiting sex discrimination in an educational program or activity that was federally funded. The preamble of Title IX stated that "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

With passage of this law, Florida educators began to study those courses whose enrollment was predominately male or female. Afraid of losing federal funding they initiated changes in curriculum, implemented new methods of attracting both sexes to previously dominated male and female classes, and established detriments to sex stereotyping. Times were changing and education made the move to change with them.

In the past few years there has been a great change in the way students looked at industrial arts' and home economics' classes at North High. Females had been made aware that in over 70% of all homes in America today, the women held the position of head of the household or were a major contributor to the family income. Young ladies realized they had to learn how to repair things around the house, to care for their automobiles,to be prepared to earn a living in a field that would be both profitable and satisfying, to work and raise a family and run a home at the same time, and to make the male-female relationship work.

Male students came to realize that an adult male's role in society had altered drastically in recent years also. More and more men were expected to take an active role in household matters and the raising of children. No longer was the business world the male domain and the home the woman's responsibility.

With these new insights into innovative sex role reversals students at North looked into and enrolled in courses that a few years ago they wouldn't have considered. Foods, clothing, and family living classes soon reported a growing percentage of male enrollers. Shop I and II, Drafting, and Woods saw a similar rise in female students.

Craig Ramsey, a sophomore, was typical of the many male students who enrolled in Human Development during the 1982-83 school year. "At first I got into this class because it was the only elective left to take that period, but now I'm glad I have it because it's different from any class I've taken before," said Craig. "I like the class because you can be honest and open about your feelings."

Senior Lynn Barnes enrolled in Drafting this past year. Her reason for enrolling in this once exclusive male subject was simple. "Drafting is a career which is participated in very lightly by females. I like to be different and independent," said Lynn.

Whatever the reason, North students looked into these new avenues of education opportunity and liked them. They rejected the stereotypes of yesterday for the ideals of today, and the promises of tomorrow.

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**1** — Showing his skills on the sewing machine was Lester Burnett. **2** — Freshman Ed Mendez learned to follow a pattern in sewing class.

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**1** — Learning what fatherhood might be like in Human Development were George Mack, Joe Bunney, and Michael Holmes. **2** — Using a drill press to form her name in Woods I was Senior Diana Cosby. **3** — Karen Kibler and Paul Engelhart on their make-believe wedding day for Family Living class.

# The Name of the Game

Say "good-bye" to the 20 credit requirement for graduation from a Lee County high school. With the 1983 graduating classes, this former school board policy became obsolete. That didn't mean the graduation requirements would become less strict; the opposite was true.

Continual pressure from the community and the responsibility felt by the Lee County School Board made them act during the summer of 1982 to renovate high school course and credit requirements to improve educational standards. They felt the changes "would provide greater depth and breadth in English and social studies as well as increase the opportunities for students to take elective courses in art, music, physical education, and foreign language."

The major change was to add one credit hour each year to the total needed for graduation until the year 1986 when 23 credits would be required. This was to be done by adding 1 English credit requirement for 1984 graduates; 1 additional elective credit requirement for 1985 graduates; and ½ social studies and ½ elective credit requirement for 1986 graduates. A change was also made in the number of required P.E. credits beginning in the 1983-84 school year. No longer would 2 full credits be required for graduation, instead it was changed to 1½, and a ½ credit of required health was added.

The Governor's Commission on Secondary Education acted in the fall of '82 to recommend the moves made in English requirements the previous summer by Lee County educators. They were determined to see Florida high schools raised in ranking to the upper 25% of all schools in the country. Thus they made the additional recommendation that more emphasis be placed on mathematics, science, and foreign languages.

North High students were prepared to find additional curriculum changes and graduation requirements added in the next few years. After all education was the name of the game, and the Lee County School Board and the State of Florida had the legal right to determine the rules that students had to play by during their four years of participation.

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**1 —** Tenth grade counselor Bill Bauman offered advice to freshmen Greg Stanford and Michelle Coman as they planned their sophomore year schedules. **2 —** Examining the anatomy of a frog in Biology I, Paula Branch and Tony DeVito made some new discoveries.

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**1** — In Geometry, Donna Bennett went over a difficult problem step by step under the watchful eye of her teacher, Jim Repp. **2** — Mr. Lynn Hinkle took time to discuss SSAT test results with Linda Walker. **3** — Anatomy is just one of the many topics covered in the soon to be required health classes. Teacher Steve Conley had Keith Battle and Sandra Rice identify the organs in the human abdomen.

2 Linda Ann Walker

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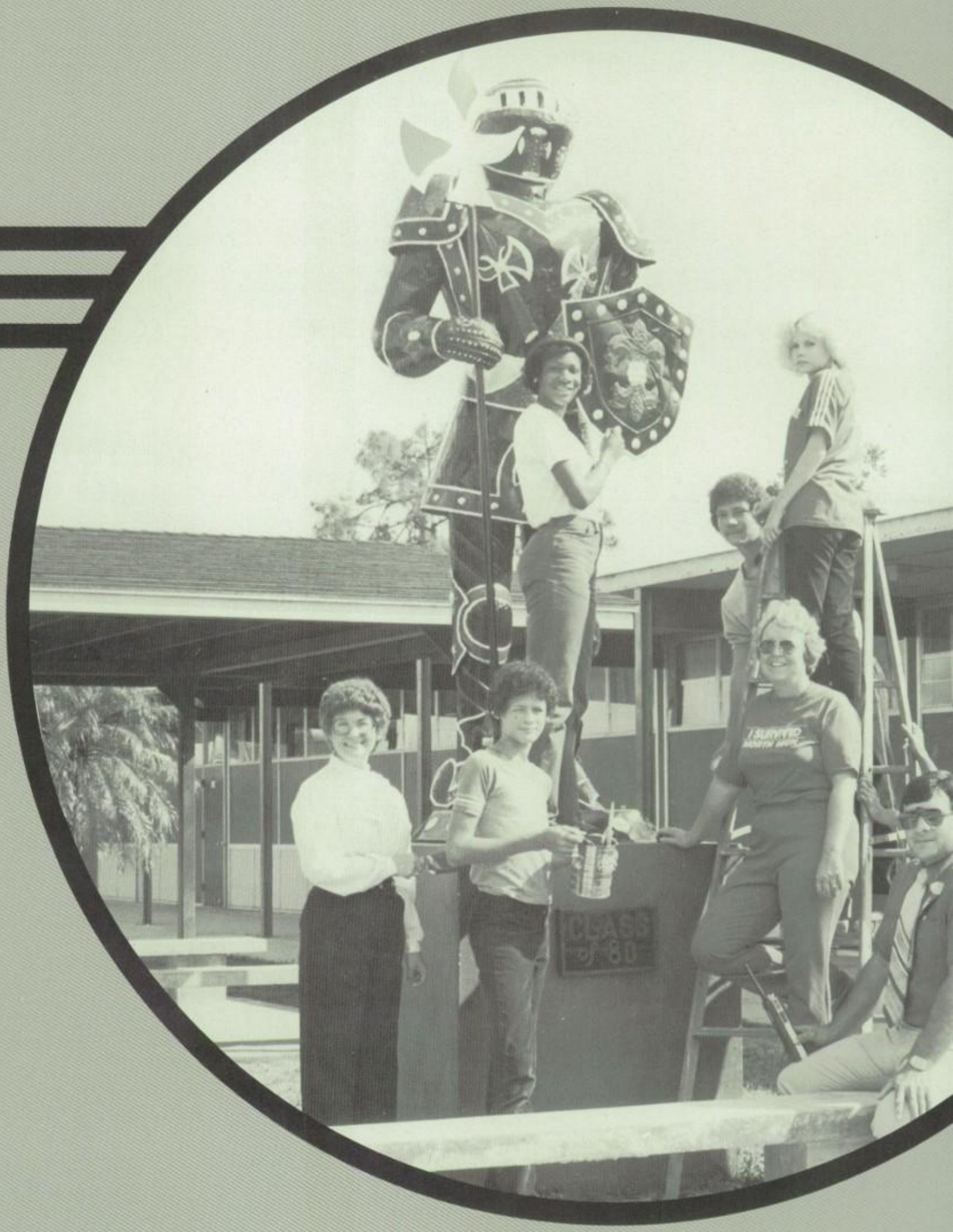


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The people of N. Ft. Myers High School worked together to repair the Red Knight that was confiscated by the Riverdale Raiders. They were: Marie Bitter, staff; Randy Pierce, freshman; Melody Addison, senior; Carol Petry, sophomore; Kenny Miller, junior; Bobbie Dewey, faculty; Melody Mitchitell, guidance and Robert Trombetti, Administration.

# People

The driving force at North Fort Myers High School was the people. From every corner of the United States they had come to be in this certain place at this certain moment in time.

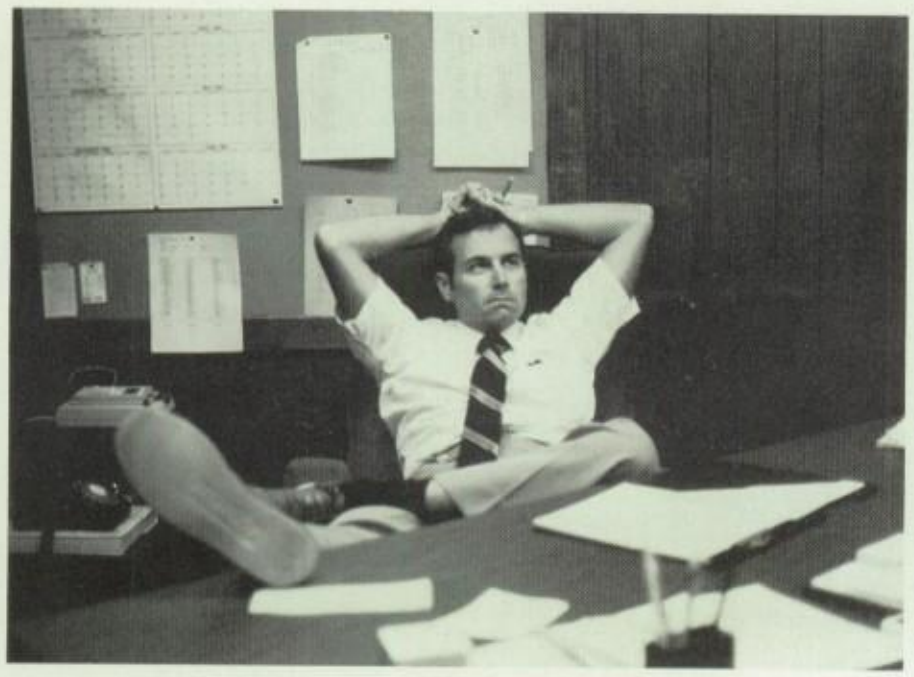
They were as different as the changing seasons. No one could compare their appearances, their ages, their voices, their interests, their personalities, their dreams, but they shared a common bond . . . they were united in being Red Knights . . . the students and staff of North High.

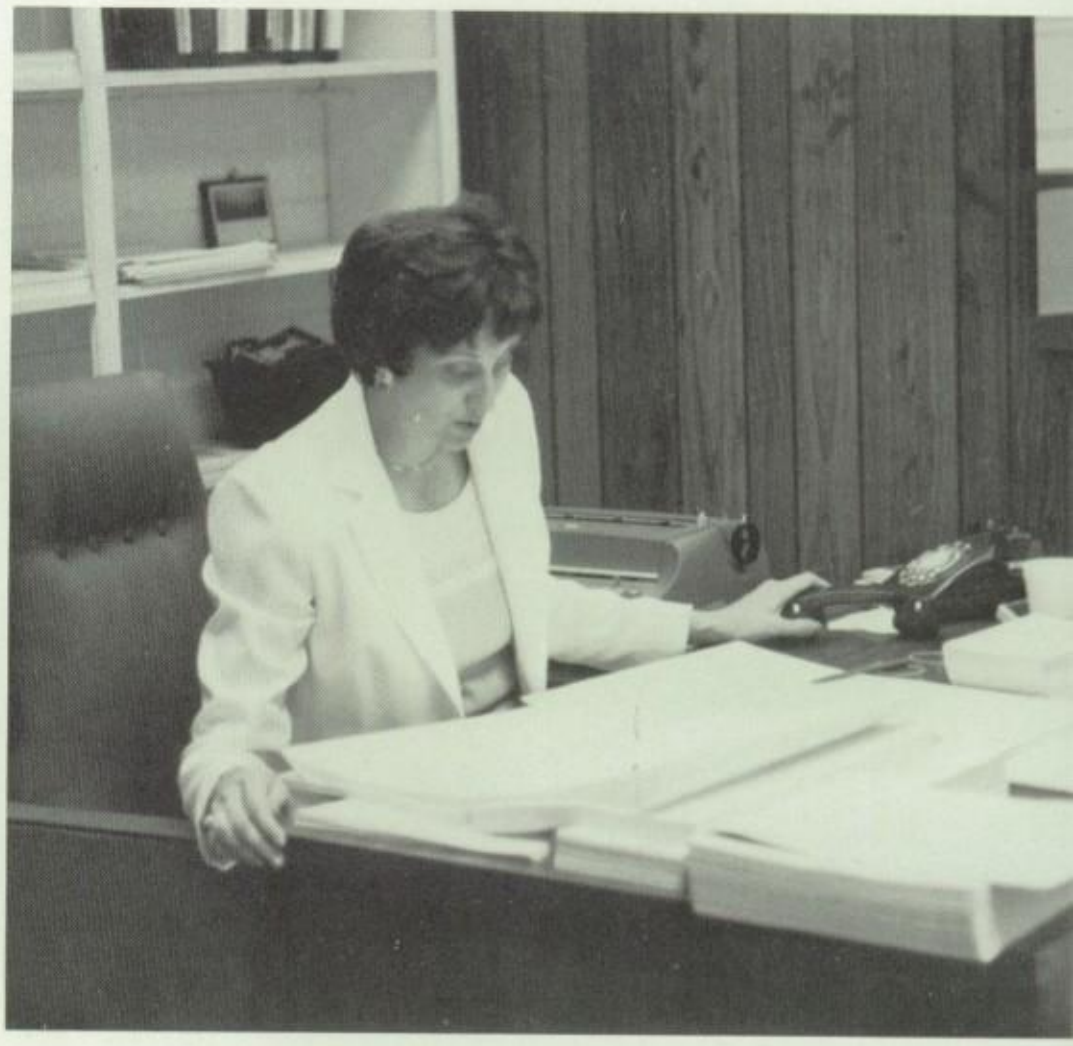
Throughout this past year they shared a time of "growing." It was periodically painful, sometimes lonely, occasionally tedious, often joyous, always hectic . . . and never, never dull.

Most Red Knights arrived on campus before dawn, and many remained until the sun set, depending on their interests, commitments, and dedication. The memories they built through their days at North would remain with them a lifetime. They would periodically pull them from the past and relive the laughter and tears, the victories and defeats, the trials and successes that had made the school year 1982-83 so special.

With each day new faces appeared at North, while old friends found it necessary to depart for new adventures. The new arrivals were welcomed, introduced to the traditions, and friendships were formed. The Knights who left would be missed but never forgotten. Those who remained behind could only hope that they might meet again with departed colleagues sometime in the future.

It was people who created the North Fort Myers High way of life — the special atmosphere of pride and friendliness. The buildings were lifeless and meant nothing without the energy and spirit of people. North High was people and these people were very special, they were Sterling Knights.





**1** — When you had efficient personnel and were well organized, things ran smoothly. Ed Stickles does a great job as the "Top Knight," so he can sit back and take things easy. **2** — Keeping her caller on hold, Harriett Bohannon checks one of the many print-outs which statistically described a student at North High School.

# Sterling Superiors

When one part patience, two parts energy, one part organization, one part judgement, and a pinch of tenderness were mixed together, it resulted in the creation of North High's administrators. These "Head Knights" were dedicated to providing the best educational opportunities for the students and the best working conditions for the faculty and staff.

During his four years at the helm, Principal Edmund W. Stickles, Jr., spent the majority of his time directing the tremendous effort needed to co-ordinate all aspects of life at North Fort Myers High School. His door always stood open to members of the student body, faculty, staff, and community in order to understand their concerns, to answer their questions, and to allay their anxieties. When not involved in the everyday operations of North, Mr. Stickles spent many hours mingling with students at extracurricular functions or attending meetings.

The assistant principal's duties were divided between Mr. Steve DeShazo and Mrs. Harriett Bohannon. Maintenance of the school plant and campus, school security, supervision of home athletic events, and securement of teachers' substitutes were the main responsibilities of Mr. DeShazo as Assistant Principal for Administration. Mr. "D" was everywhere, seeing that everything was under control, a familiar sight in his "golf cart" rushing from one end of the campus to the other.

Mrs. Bohannon, the Assistant Principal for Curriculum was tied up in meetings or strategy planning sessions about 7 hours a day. The phones constantly ringing and people stopping by for consultations, advice, or just a few friendly words, didn't interfere with her ability to complete her duties of supervising, reviewing, and innovating curriculum, preparing the master schedule, adjusting class loads, supervising program changes and guidance problems, completing all local, state, and federal reports, ordering and inventorying all textbooks, and overseeing all data processing systems.

The disciplinary chores at North High were shared by Mrs. Virginia Cassell and Mr. Robert Trombetti. Both handled student problems that arose in the classroom, on campus, or at home with a great deal of patience, understanding and compassion. In addition to offering advice and dispensing punishment, Mrs. Cassell supervised attendance procedures, chaperoned student activities, and produced the student handbook, while Mr. Trombetti controlled both student and faculty parking and supervised athletic activities.

With this great combination of people in control there was no doubt as to why North High was the school in Lee County in 1982-83. They were excellent examples of "STERLING KNIGHTS."

Edmund Stickles
Principal

Steve DeShazo
Asst. Principal

Harriett Bohannon
Asst. Principal

Virginia Cassell
Dean of Students

Robert Trombetti
Dean of Students

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**1** — The shade of a tree and a tall glass of ice tea made noon surveillance easier for Dean of Students Robert Trombetti and Assistant Principal Steve DeShazo. **2** — While patroling the cafeteria Dean of Students Virginia Cassell asked Monica Haggard to comment on Tony Acitelli's toga. **3** — Walky-talky by his elbow, sometimes overcome with paperwork, Robert Trombetti still had time to help students or deal out punishment.

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# Prideful Survivors

One of the requirements for employment at North must be the possession of red and black clothing. At least it seemed that way on any Spirit Day when the staff displayed their school spirit by wearing the traditional North High colors. All through the year more and more staff members showed up in their "I survived North High" shirts, brain child of Activities Director Bobbie Dewey.

Staff involvement wasn't just limited to displaying "colors" at appropriate times. It involved a day-to-day commitment to and involvement with student projects and activities. Staff members willingly gave their free time to sponsor clubs and organizations, coach sports, paint spirit banners, march in parades, or do any of the other thousands of activities occurring simultaneously on North's campus.

Even Saturdays and vacation times were not sacred. More than once staff members gave up days or a whole week to accompany students on an excursion to some part of the state for a contest, seminar, or meeting. They never complained, for they too were Red Knights, dedicated to their profession.

**1** — June Herrell was about ready to have fellow counselor Wayles Kimpland push her in the wheelchair during the Homecoming parade. **2** — Acting as the chorus for the prize winning skit were Carol Pim, Virginia Branson, Anne Ragland, Virginia Cassell, Terry Wieland, Leroy Dewey, Melody Mitchitell, and Nancy Ward.

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**Anthony Ambrosia**
Custodian.

**Terry Andrews**
Basic Skills Reading; ESE Department Head.

**C. Howard Baier**
Work Experience.

**Bernice Battle**
Librarian; Senior Class Sponsor, Advisory Council.

**Bill Bauman**
Sophomore Class Counselor.

**Kathryn Benkatar**
French, Spanish, Passports; French Club.

**Catherine Bennett**
Bus Driver.

**Howard Bennett**
Bus Driver.

**Marsha Bishop**
Physical Science, Biology, A.P. Biology.

**Marie Bitter**
Principal's Secretary; Junior Class Sponsor.

**James A. Bohannon**
D.C.T.; D.C.T. Club.

**Jack Bovee**
American History, World History, Western Civilization; S.A.P.

**Evelyn Bowser**
Cafeteria.

**Virginia M. Branson**
Yearbook, Compensatory Ed., Reading for Pleasure; Lance Advisor, Quill and Scroll, Excalibur.

**Joanne Brown**
Bus Driver.

**Ella Butsch**
Asst. Bookkeeper.

**Allen Caraway**
English 2, Journalism 1 and 2; Knight Life.

**Jerry Chestnut**
Math.

**Steve Conley**
Health Education; Freshman Class Sponsor, Health Education Department Chairman.

**Peggy Cooper**
Data Entry Clerk.

**Mapi Cuevas**
Chemistry, I.P.S., Science Research.

**Liz Culleton**
Family Living, Family Economics, Foods and Nutrition, Clothing; Y.A.C., Sunshine Committee.

**Robert Curry**
Algebra 1; F.A.P.

**James Davis**
Sites Crew.

**Nancy DeShazo**
Occupational Specialist.

**Bobbie Dewey**
P.E. Leadership, P.E. Outdoor, P.E.; Activities Director, Coordinator of Girls Sports, Student Advisory Committee, Equity Coordinator, Spirit Club.

**LeRoy Dewey**
Psychology, American History, Sociology

**Millard Doss**
Building Supervisor.

**Francis Drake**
Biology, Consumer Math; Wrestling Coach.

**Dorothy Evans**
P.E. Teacher.

**Ted Ferreira**
Driver Education; Varsity Baseball Coach, Asst. Varsity Football Coach.

**Charleen Fischer**
English Skills; Building Communicator, School In-Service Rep., Teacher Ed. Council.

**Margaret Flaherty**
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club.

**Doris L. Fleming**
English Skills.

**Bruce Forster**
Work Experience, Marketing and Merchandising; D.E.C.A.

**Linda Fowler**
English 2.

**Stephan Frank**
Art; Art Club, Interact, Asst. Girls Track Coach.

**Linda Futral**
Media Specialist.

**Norma Garrison**
Cafeteria.

**Beverly Gaudelli**
Health; Freshman Class Sponsor.

**Fred V. Gebhard**
American History, Civics.

**Shirley Gebhard**
American Literature, Composition.

**Andrea Getzlaff**
Drama, World Literature; Drama-Thespians, Flag Corps, Rifle, Line, Majorettes.

**David Giompalo**
Industrial Arts Wood; S.G.A. Sponsor.

**Charles Glaser**
Graphic Arts, Math, Science.

**Gayle Gott**
Bus Driver.

**George Gott**
Bus Driver.

**Ray Halvick**
English, Reading.

**June Herrell**
Senior Guidance Counselor.

**Lynn Hinkle**
Compensatory Education Math.

**Linda Hissam**
Civics, German; German Club.

**Ron Hoover**
Study Hall, I.S. Room; Athletic Director, Head Varsity Football Coach.

**Wade Hummel**
P.E.; F.C.A., Asst. Varsity Football Coach, Boys Track Coach

**Pauline Hutchinson**
Clinic Aide.

**Francisco Irisarry**
Bus Driver.

**Sylvester Isaac**
Environmental Science; J.V. Girls Basketball Coach.

**Louise B. Jackson**
Science and Language Arts Aide; Asst. Volleyball Coach.

**Charles Jager**
P.E. Teacher.

**Suzanne Jager**
Speech, English; Forensics.

**Pauline Jarvis**
Cafeteria Staff.

**Wayne Jensen**
U.S. History, A. vs. C., World Geography; J.V. Football Coach, J.V. Baseball Coach.

**Dale Johnson**
Bus Driver.

**Betty Kayusa**
Biology.

**Robert J. Kayusa**
A. vs. C., History.

**Wayles Kimpland**
Junior Counselor.

**Joyce Lamm**
Attendance Secretary.

**Janice Longfellow**
English; F.A.P.

**Carolyn Ludwig**
A.V. Aide; J.V. Cheerleader Coach

**JoAnne Makar**
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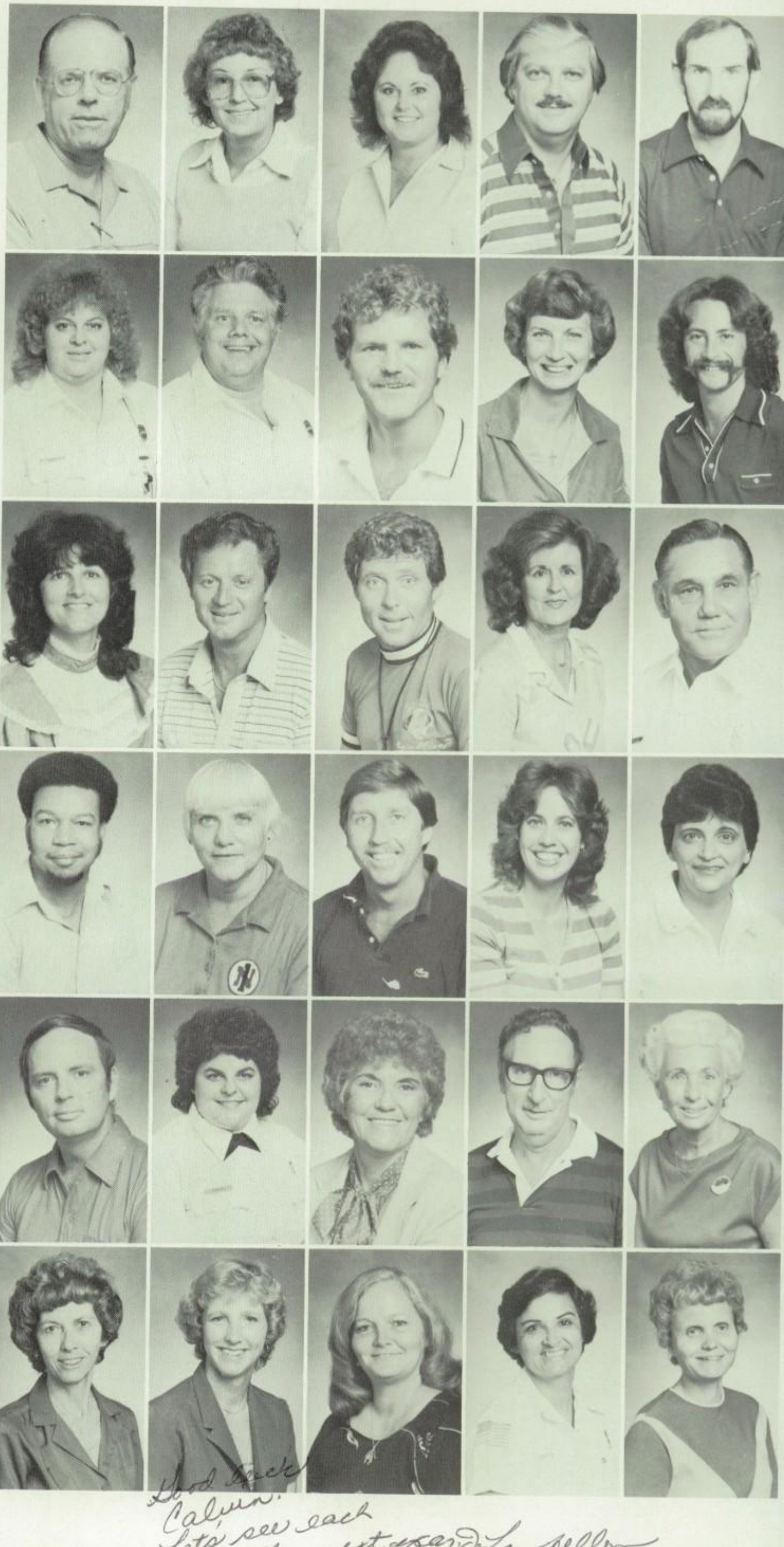
**JoAnne S. Matson**
Compensatory Education Math; Senior Class Sponsor.



Good luck Calvin. Let's see each other next year. Las Fellow

**George Mayo**
Civics.

**June McConville**
Guidance Secretary.

**Sandra McCready**
V.C.T., Typing, Business Math; Varsity Cheerleaders, Girls Swim Team, F.B.L.A. — General.

**Sonya McDaniel**
Secretary to Deans and Athletic Director; F.F.A.

**Lynne McDill**
Biology, Human Physiology; Sophomore Class Sponsor, Sunshine Committee.

**Diana Mendez**
Literature, English 2, Composition, Speech.

**Milton W. Meyer**
Engineering Drawing, Metals.

**Frank Milner**
D.C.T.; D.C.T. Club.

**Melody Mitchitell**
Freshman Guidance Counselor; Girls Cross Country Coach, Girls Track Coach.

**Elmarie Moore**
Custodian.

**Stanley H. Mulford**
Community Education Coordinator; Key Club.

**Rachel Murray**
American Literature.

**Pruella C. Niver**
Chorus, Voice, Piano.

**Emilia O'Grady**
Physical Science, Earth Science, Biology; Junior Class Sponsor, Environmental Education Coordinator.

**Becky Pacl**
C.B.E., Business Communications; F.B.L.A.

# Let The Sunshine In.

Feeling blue . . . sick in bed . . . things go bad; or maybe just the opposite — got married . . . had a baby . . . a reason to celebrate. Well the people at North High who wanted to know about either extreme when it involved North staff members were the Sunshine Committee. This group of four, Lynne McDill, Carol Pim, Jim Repp, and Liz Culleton, were responsible for spreading sunshine, and thus conveying the entire staff's feelings to a co-worker.

Each year the committee sought a small donation from staff members to finance the Sunshine Fund. These monies were used to buy baby or wedding gifts, to send a plant or flowers to a staff member confined to the hospital, or to send a message of condolence in case of a family death. It was the way the faculty collectively said, "We care!"

Twice yearly the Sunshine Committee organized "pot luck" teacher luncheons and used fund monies to purchase the meat for these events. One was held prior to the dismissal of school for the Christmas break and the other was the "End of the Year Chicken BBQ." Both were rated gourmet delights as faculty members sampled each other's prize recipes.

"It's great to be a part of a group that gave happiness," said Chairwoman Lynne McDill. "Who doesn't want to be the one to let the sunshine in!"

The smiles on these staff members' faces are enough to spread sunshine. Carol Pim, Jim Repp, Liz Culleton, Lynne McDill

**Thomas Pacl**
Accounting, Business Law, Business Math; Ass't. Football Coach, Head Softball Coach, JV Boys Basketball Coach

**Johnny Pate**
Environmental Science, Earth Science; Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball.

**Mildred Perkins**
Business Math.

**Carol Pim**
AP English, Word Power, Vocabulary, English Language; National Honor Society

**Don Plunkett**
Gate guard, Trainer.

**Julie Previty**
Pre-Algebra; Math Dept. Head.

**Peggy Prince**
Cafeteria.

**Roger Pritchard**
P.E. Teacher, Alternative Science; Asst. Varsity Football Coach, Track Coach

**Pat Radomski**
Compensatory Education Aide.

**Anne Ragland.**
American Literature.

**James Repp**
Geometry, Applied Geometry, Consumer Math; Boys Swim Team Coach, Sunshine Committee.

**Martha Ann Richardson**
American Literature, World Literature.

**Louise Rodgers**
Cafeteria.

**Adam Rohn**
Bus Driver.

**James Scofield**
J.R.O.T.C.

# Paper Pushers

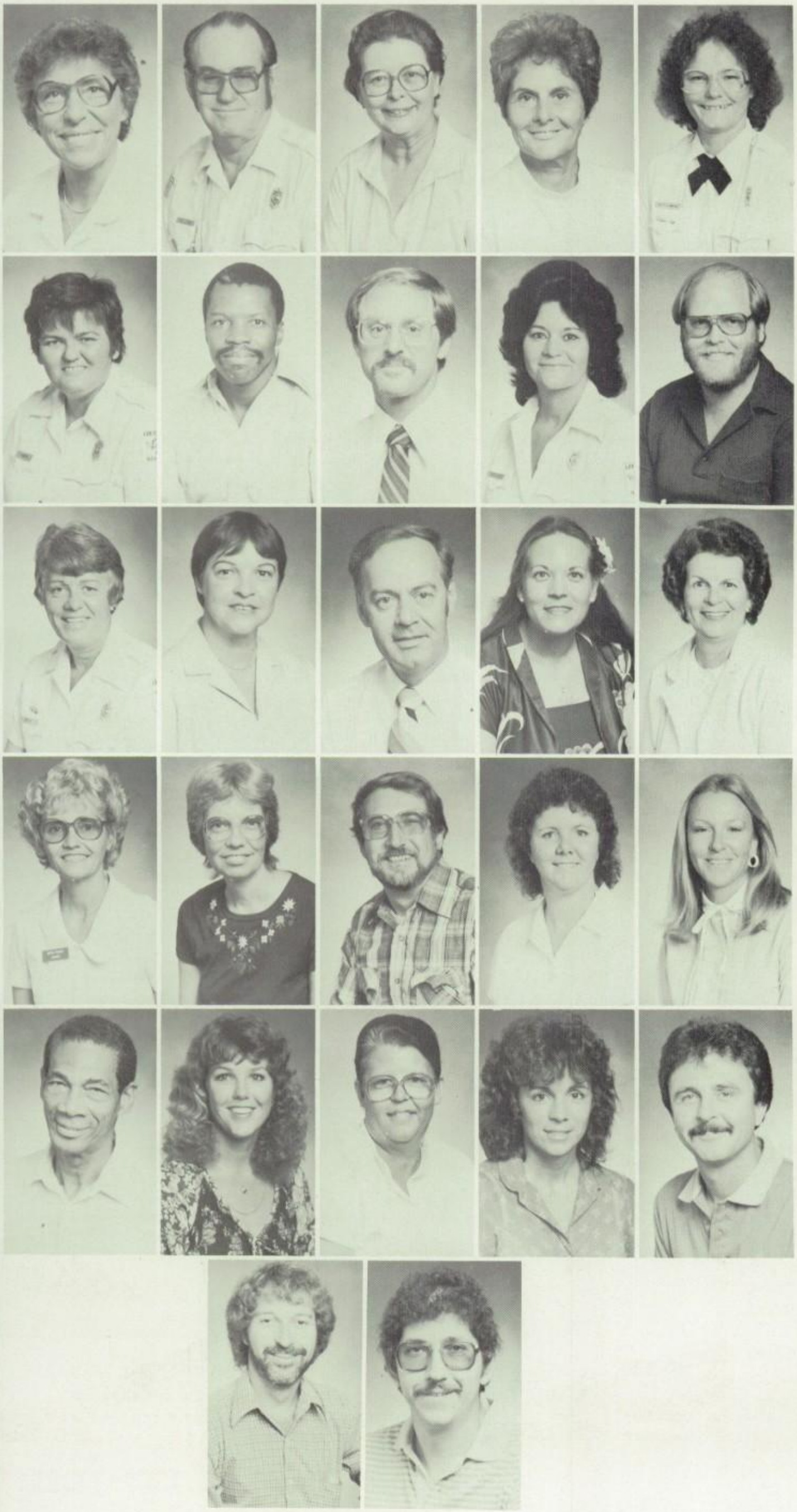
Those who thought a teacher's work day started at 7:30 a.m. and ended at 2:00 p.m., never encountered the faculty of North. These educators put in many hours above their contract day.

In August before students responded to the first school bell, teachers returned to ready themselves and their classrooms for the year ahead. Many things had to be accomplished in a short period of time. Classrooms had to be organized and decorated, textbooks located and counted, lesson plans written, filmstrips ordered, and policies reviewed. Organization and preparation were key factors in getting one's classes off to a successful start.

When school started, the paperwork started. Piles and piles of papers seemed to surround staff members all the time. Although students complained of the amount of homework piled upon them, they forget what a tedious and time consuming job it was to grade all the papers turned in during the year.

No matter what their daily schedule, staff at NHS had one thing in common, they wanted to provide their students with the best learning opportunities. If that meant wading through papers for hours and hours, they did it. It came with the profession.

Her paperwork may be tremendous in compensatory education, b
Mrs. Linda Fowler always keeps things organized and individualized.



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Typing 1, 2, Shorthand 1.

**Clyde Sellers**
Bus Driver.

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Clerical Office Procedures, Personal Shorthand; Business Education Dept. Head.

**Beverly Silvester**
Cafeteria.

**Betty Simmons**
Bus Driver.

**Sandra Simmons**
Bus Driver.

**Levon Simms**
Crafts, Orientation To Art, Lettering, Layout; Varsity Basketball Coach, Freshman Football Coach.

**Walter Skiff**
Calculus, Math Analysis, Consumer Math; National Honor Society

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Bus Driver.

**Keith Stark**
Intermediate Band, Marching Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Study Hall, I.S. Room.

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Bus Driver.

**Barbara Stevens**
Cafeteria.

**Richard Stevens**
Language Arts.

**Deborah Stotz-Wilcox**
Human Development, Fundamentals of Human Care Services, Child Care Guided Studies, Personal Development; F.H.A.

**Jan Thomas**
Head Bookkeeper

**Bertha Toivenen**
Lunchroom Manager.

**Barbara Vagle**
Library Aide.

**Mario Verde**
ESE Mathematics.

**Glenda Walker**
Cafeteria.

**Nancy Ward**
Agriculture.

**Hubert Weekes**
Bus Driver.

**Terry Wieland**
Occupational Specialist; Boys Cross Country Coach.

**Joanne Williams**
Lunchroom Asst. Manager.

**Linda Wilson**
Child Care Services, Child Development; F.H.A.

**Steve Wise**
Algebra 1, 2, Basic Skills, Computer Math; Asst. Varsity Baseball Coach, Math Team.

**John Yeomans**
Civics, Law Studies.

**Martin Zolno**
Marketing, Distributive Education; D.E.C.A.

# SENIOR SUPERLATIVES:

The followin
characteris
these outstanding

Cathy Kubesh — Jason Cash
Most School Spirit

Rita Scott — Neal Jackson
Most Friendly

Kim Kibler — Brian Makar
Best All Around

Cathy Crocker — Craig Giovannelli
Most Humorous

Marie Schoonover — Mark Arlington
Most Talented

eniors were selected by their peers as exemplifying found in all North students. We are proud to present mbers of the Class of 1983.

Lisa Beller — Scott Brown
Biggest Flirt

Joni Jeffcoat — Tony Acitelli
Most Talkative

Dee Henry — Warren Williams
Most Athletic

Ellen Ayers — Ron Merritt
Most Intelligent

Bonnie Bouch — James Giles
Most Likely to Succeed

# Leading the Way

Homecoming '82 — the last one the seniors would celebrate as students at North High. With North's football team on a winning streak there was a double reason for their entering into all festivities with enthusiasm and pride.

The seniors placed first in the window decorating contest. Their prize winning painting on the window of the front office depicted a boxing scene with the Red Knight K.O.'ing the Naples' Eagle. When the seniors weren't painting on their window prior to the judging they were out selling giant spirit ribbons which listed the name and number of all varsity football players.

Dress-up days were very popular with the seniors. Togas, clashing outfits, tourist finery, and ensembles from bygone years were in evidence during the first three days of festivities.

During field day, Senior Knights were very much in demand. Besides manning their own "Hot Pretzel" booth they were also required to work in the booths or organize the field events of the clubs and organizations in which they were members. The senior girls participated in the powder-puff game, and even after weeks of practice went down to defeat 12-6, to the juniors.

The Class of 1983 tried something different for the parade. Instead of assembling a float, they decorated a series of cars. The Executive Council had rented an eagle's costume and acquired a Red Knight football uniform and Tami DuBrule and Joni Jeffcoat donned them to ride on top of a convertible. Joni as the Knight stood above Tami the Eagle, stabbing her with a trusty sword. Upon arrival at the field the two joined Dee Henry, Laura Johnson, Tammy Saucier, Cathy Kubesh, Ellen Ayres, Rita Scott and Kim Kibler in presenting an original skit. Their efforts garrished them a second place award.

The Senior Class was especially proud of its eight representatives on the 1982 Homecoming Court. They were Ellen Ayres Scott Brown, Paul Drew, James Giles, Dee Henry, Kim Kibler, Cathy Kubesh, and Scott Sushil. On Friday night prior to the Homecoming football game between North and Naples High Schools, the long awaited announcement was made to the accompaniment of a roll of drums and the blare of trumpets. The Royal Couple for 1982 were Kim Kibler and Scott Sushil.

Homecoming week was topped off with a gala dance on Saturday night held at the Elks Club in downtown Fort Myers. As the Knights gathered to recall the events of the week and dance to the latest "top 40" spun by Disc Jockey Mike Ray, the Seniors knew it had been a great celebration, a week filled with activities, laughter, fun, ceremony, tradition, and sadness (the loss to Naples in a hard fought game). A week that they would never forget as students in Big Red Country.

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**1** — Mark Arlington as Principal Ed Stickles enjoyed a relaxing moment on the telephone during "Senior Take Over Day." **2** — Senior Homecoming Representatives James Giles, Dee Henry, Scott Sushil and Ellen Ayres enjoyed their moment of glory while riding on the float during the Homecoming parade.

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**1** — Kim Kibler as the Knight and Rita Scott as the Naples Eagle got ready to exchange blows during the senior skit. **2** — During Homecoming week Patti Talley, Scott Brown, Lisa Bellar, Tony Acitelli and Sylvia Freeman showed their wild outfits. **3** — Senior spirit and pride was overwhelming during Homecoming week, as shown by this banner carried by Julie Britton, Pam Boyette, and Jodi Reigle.

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**1** — Dawn Minick stood patiently while Joni Jeffcoat measured her head for her mortar board. **2** — Seniors willingly stood in line and paid for their caps and gowns in anticipation of their upcoming commencement exercises. **3** — Seniors Carlis Wheeler and Vincent Mitchell aided the Senior Class treasury by selling Homecoming spirit ribbons to Greg Bonyfield, Calvin Walker, and John Cummings.

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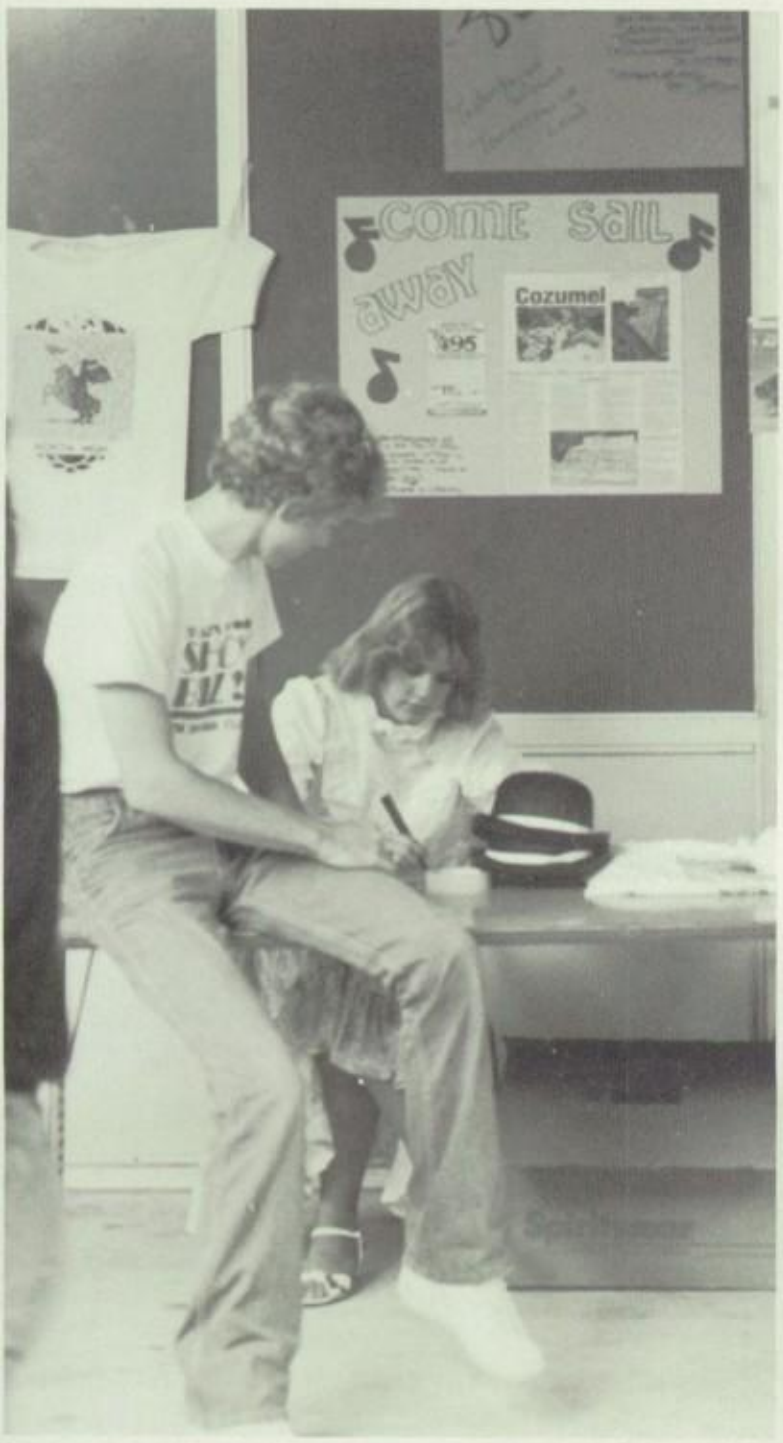


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**1** — Tim Bass looked over the itinerary of the senior trip to Mexico while Jeri Cunningham figured out a payment plan for him. **2** — Seniors showed their spirit and pride by wearing their official derbies and t-shirts to pep rallies in the gym.

# Paying Their Way

When it came to footing the bill for any activity, trip, dance, or banquet, everyone at North Fort Myers High School knew that every class, club, or organization had to pay their own way. There was no student or school fund to help defray expenses; it was up to those involved to plan, budget, raise the money, and pay the bills.

The Senior Class was no exception. For four years they had worked and planned for the biggest, most important, and most expensive night of their high school career . . . Graduation. The Lee County School Board provided the Lee Civic Center for the event and supplied the diplomas, but everything else was up to the Class of '83. Programs for the Baccalaureate Service and Commencement, flowers, special music, a class gift, the Senior Breakfast, and miscellaneous expenses all had to be paid for out of accumulated class funds.

These funds were raised over the class' four year stay at North. Aided by a successful Junior-Senior Prom in April, 1982 and by many successful cheese and bake sales, the Class of '83 began their senior year with a comfortable nest egg. The Senior Executive Council and the class officers realized additional funds would be needed so spirit ribbon sales, derby and t-shirt sales, cheese sales, bake sales, and truck washes at the telephone company were organized to keep building the cash reserve.

Individual seniors soon discovered that being a senior and graduating wasn't going to be inexpensive for them either. Senior t-shirts sold for $5.00, senior derbies for $3.00, and a graduation cap and gown for $15.00. Then there were announcements, senior jewelry, calling cards, senior pictures, and a yearbook to be ordered and paid for. Homecoming and prom expenses, Grad Nite tickets, and the senior cruise to Mexico . . . oh, how the money flowed.

In traditional Red Knight style, the Class of '83 worked together and enjoyed this unforgettable, if expensive, senior year. By "getting it all together" and "paying their own way," they cemented themselves into a cohesive unit and built a series of memories to last them a lifetime.

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**1** — Throughout 1982-83, Mrs. June Herrell, Senior Counselor, held many informative meetings concerning college entrance requirements. Looking things over at one such meeting were Jason Cash, Mike MacDonald, Mrs. Herrell, Neil Jackson, and Steve Callari. **2** — Patti Talley, like many seniors, prepared for her future by making regular deposits in her savings account. **3** — Local recruiters passed out the ASFAB test booklets to the many North High juniors and seniors who wanted to consider the military as a possible career choice.

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**1** — Many North seniors were already beginning college courses. Paul Murphy was seen registering for January classes at ECC with Scheduling Coordinator Alvina Velanzon. **2** — The representative from Woffard College stopped by North to extol the advantages of furthering one's education at his institution. Enjoying his viewpoint were seniors Rick McComb and Paula Jones.

# Decisions . . . Decisions . . . Decisions!

At sometime in everyone's life they wished they could look into a crystal ball and miraculously foresee what the future held for them. Then how easy it would be to then make the decisions that plague one's life, especially the life of a senior.

One minute you were a freshman eagerly contemplating the four years ahead. Then suddenly you looked in a mirror and you wore the derby and T-shirt that identified you as a senior. The numbing realization hit; graduation was only a few months away and then what? What were you going to do with the rest of your life?

Go out and get a job? Doing what? What future success and satisfaction would it hold? Would you need additional training or education? If so, where could you get it? A local beauty school, Votech, business college, Lee Memorial Hospital? Or maybe college? Could you afford college? Were your grades good enough? If you couldn't go away to school, how about ECC? Could you go there and work at the same time?

And where are you going to live? At home with the folks, or a place of your own? How much would that cost? Where could you find a roommate? What about Barb (Brian)? Things have been getting pretty serious. You've talked about love and marriage. Are you ready to take such a big step? Maybe the service? That would give you a chance to see some places other than Ft. Myers, maybe even Europe or Asia . . . but would it be worth 3 or 4 years of your life???

DECISIONS . . . DECISIONS . . . DECISIONS!

At North High people tried to supply students with necessary information to help them find their own intelligent solutions to the questions and problems that pursued them about their future. Mrs. June Herrell, Senior counselor and Mrs. Nancy DeShazo and Ms. Terry Wieland, Occupational Specialists, were readily available to open possible doors, suggest alternatives, and listen, listen, listen.

Monthly or weekly, sometimes daily, representatives of colleges from all over the United States dropped by to confer with students about the advantages, costs, and enrollment procedures of their respective institutions. On January 26, a big meeting was held in the library for students and parents to discuss financial assistance for those seeking additional education.

Tests . . . boy, were there tests available. The SAT or ACT if you were considering college and the ASFAB if the military was a possibility. Interest inventories, vocational school exams . . . whatever you wanted to find out about yourself or your future, the guidance department seemed to have a test, form, or questionnaire to help you find answers.

Seniors might have felt besieged with worries about their "tomorrows" but at North High, they knew there were people who cared, who wanted them to make the right decisions just for themselves.

# Class of 1983 . . .

was 314 strong, 177 females and 137 males. Four years ago over 600 entered North High as freshmen; a little scared, terribly nervous, but determined to prove their ability and worth, to make themselves into enthusiastic Red Knights.

Mrs. Bernice Battle and Ms. Joanne Matson joined them their freshman year as class sponsors and remained to guide and advise them through all four years.

Elections held in the spring of 1982 put an all female set of officers in charge of the class. These young ladies: President Rita Scott, Vice-President Ellen Ayers, Secretary Dandria Henry, Treasurer Tammy Saucier, Class Coordinator Jeri Cunningham, and Sgt.-at-Arms Joni Jeffcoat never let their classmates down. Even as they organized fund raising activities and Homecoming participation, they kept things moving efficiently towards their three big senior projects: The Class Trip, Grad Nite '83, and Commencement.

The Class of 1983 voted to forsake the sandy beaches of the Bahamas for the senior trip, and instead joined other area high school seniors on a 7-day, 6-night cruise across the Gulf of Mexico. Although the price tag of $439.00 was a bit steep, a fair number of Knights boarded their luxury liner in Tampa on April 2 for a cruise they would never forget.

To add to their collection of good times, North seniors traveled to Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom on May 7 for Grad Nite. Raising the price to $28.00 a person, the Knights were able to fill all their allotted buses, and joined seniors from all over the state in an all-night farewell to childhood at this famous amusement center.

Baccalaureate and commencement were entirely planned and financed by the Senior Class. Working all year toward these most important and memorable combination of evenings, the Class of 1983 outdid even themselves. North's Graduation, the night of May 27 would never be forgotten by any of them. It was a serious but joyous celebration . . . a time of farewells and beginnings . . . a special time belonging to the members of the Class of 1983.

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**1 — Senior Class Officers: Front Row —** Class Coordinator Jeri Cunningham, Treasurer Tammy Saucier, President Rita Scott. **Back Row —** Secretary Dandria Henry, Sgt. Arms Joni Jeffcoat, Vice-President Ellen Ayres. **2 — Senior Executive Council: Front Row —** Jeff Hess, Sue Rensch, Pam Boyette, Desiree Golden, Rachel Goodwin, Glenn Ne **Second Row —** Denise Chaplow, Lisa Coman, Michele Whitten, Gennie Green, Debbie Ripple, Teresa Roof. **Third Row —** Bernice Battle, Laura Davis, Elaine Schulte, Pam Rit Kim Kibler, Laura Johnson, Rita Scott, Lisa Beller, Melody Addison, Debbie Raulerson, Debbie Kirby, Paula Jones, Glenda Anderson, Joanne Matson. **Back Row —** Walter Ratliff, L Clark, Greg DeArmond, Christy Boring, Edgar Pugh, Cathy Kubesh, Richard Whitney, Kim Richards, Vincent Mitchell, Tami DuBrule, Brian Makar, Joni Jeffcoat, Mark Arlington.

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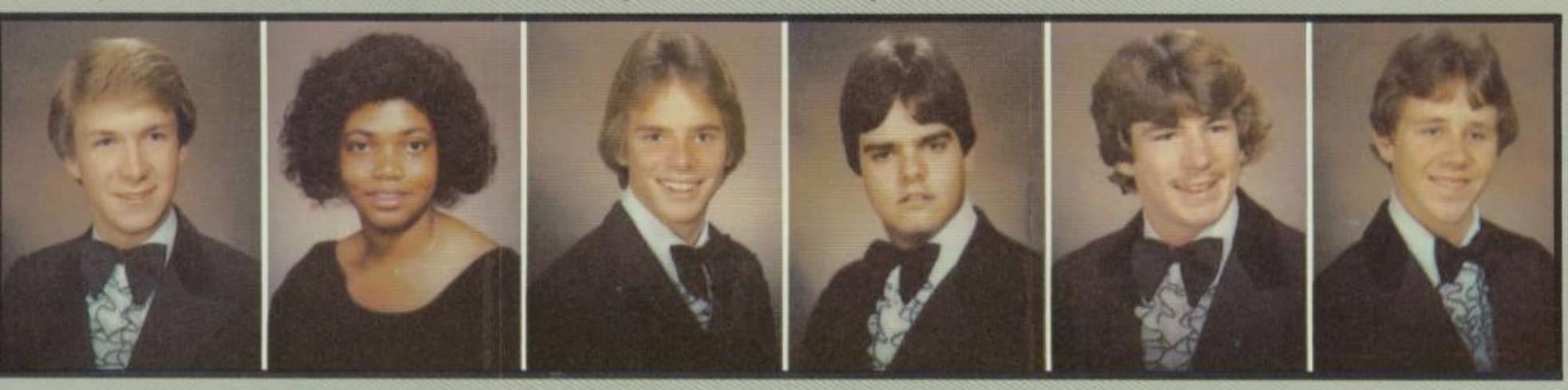

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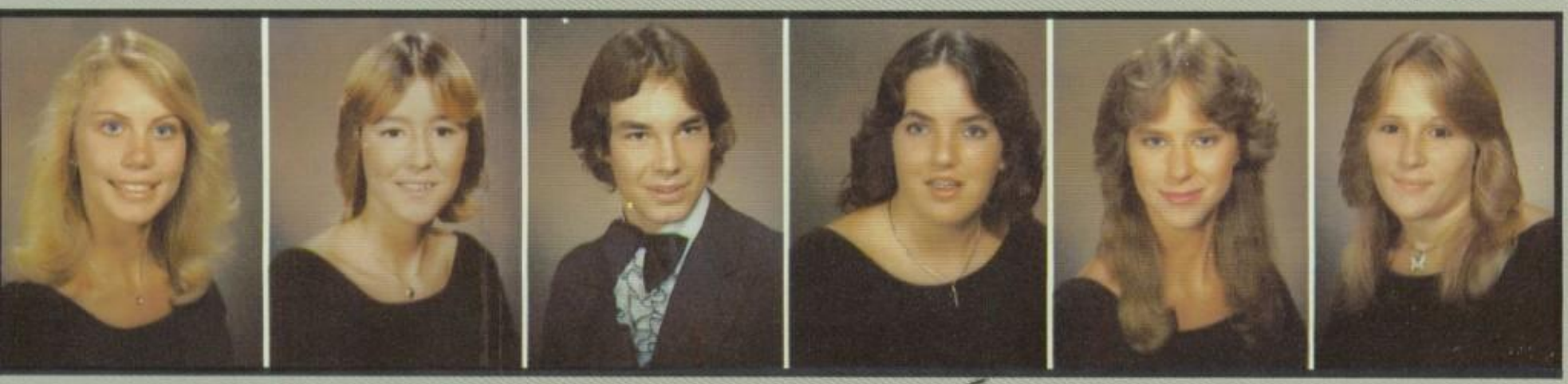

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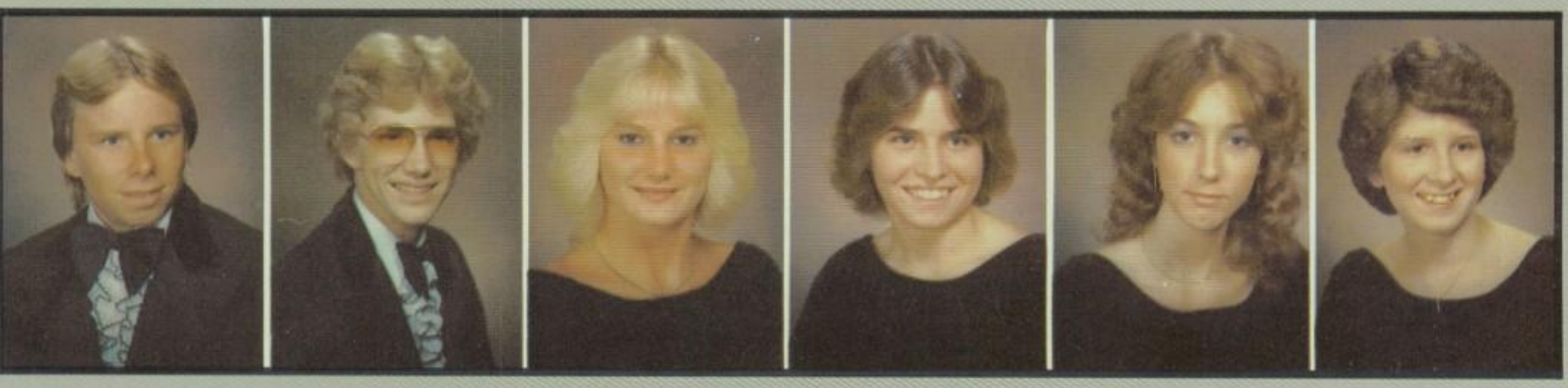

William Barnes | Timothy Bass | Lisa Beller | Regina Belongia | Jocelyn Bird | Christy Boring

**Tony Acitelli** — Football 10; Baseball 10; Cross Country 12; Spanish Club 9; Executive Council 12.

**Ron Adamcik**

**Melody Addison** — South Plantation High, Ft. Lauderdale 9, 10; Track 11, 12; SAC 11, 12; Chorus 11; Volleyball 12; Executive Council 12.

**Kelly Ahlefeld** — CBE/FBLA 12; Spirit Club 12.

**Rich Alfano — LANCE** 11, 12; Proof Editor 12; Knight Life 11, 12; Advertising Manager 11; Executive Council 12.

**Heidi Altvater** — Marching Band 9, 12; Symphonic Band 10, 12; PE Leadership 10, 12; Tennis 10; Executive Council 9, 11.

**John Ammons II** — Executive Council 11; Prom Committee 11; VoTech 12.

**Glenda Anderson** — YAC 11; FHA 12; Executive Council 12.

**Mark Arlington** — Marching Band 9, 12; Concert Band 9, 10; Symphonic Band 11, 12; Band Council 10, 11; Sophomore Rep. 10; Vice-President 12; Executive Council 9, 12; Hall of Fame 12; Drama 10, 11; Vice-President 11; Thespians 9, 12; President 11, 12; Forensics 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12.

**Kevin Arnett**

**Mike Asselin**

**Phillip Ayers** — Basketball 10; Chorus 9, 12; Voice 11, 12.

**Ellen Ayres** — FAP; Spanish Club 9, 11, 12; Gymnastics 9; Executive Council 9, 12; Class Vice-President 12; NHS 11, 12; Secretary 12; Cheerleader 11, 12; Co-Captain 12; Thespians 10, 12; Spirit Club 12.

**Laura Bahrs** — Spirit Club 9; French Club 10; DCT 11.

**Bill Bakke**

**Lisanne Banta** — Landmark Christian School 9, 10; NHS 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; President 12; Knight Life 11, 12, Editor 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; Excalibur 12; ECC Summer Scholar 11.

**Kathleen Barker**

**Sharon Barnes** — Executive Council 12.

**William Barnes**

**Timothy Bass** — Citrus High Invernes 9, 11; Thespians 11, 12; Vice-President 12; Forensics 12.

**Lisa Beller** — Cape Coral High 9, 10; Forensics 11, 12; Drama 12; Spanish Club 12; Cheerleader 12.

**Regina Belongia**

**Jocelyn Bird** — Milton High, Milton, Florida 9; CBE/FBLA 12.

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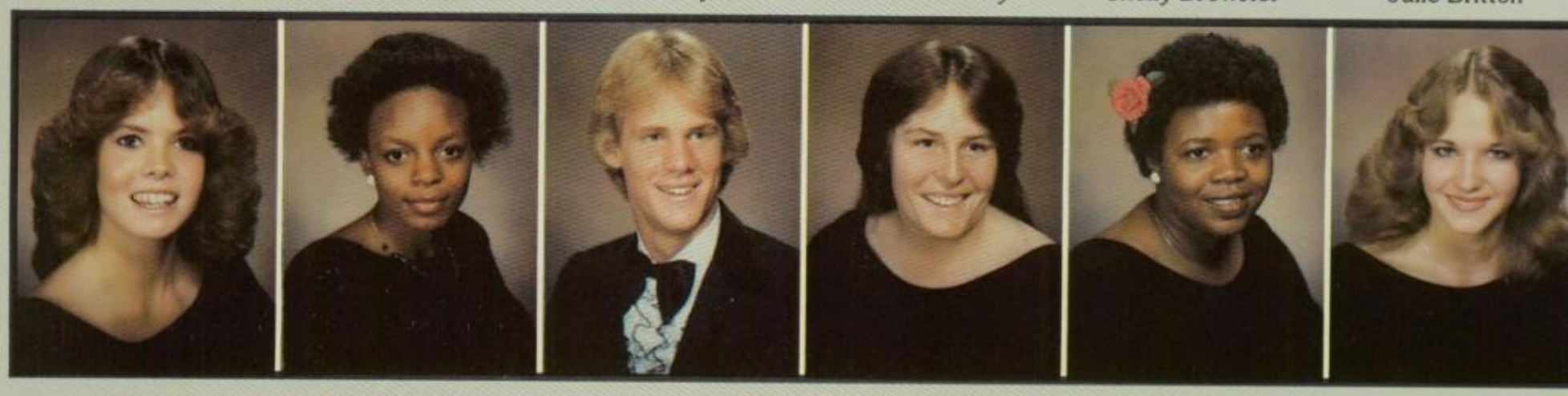

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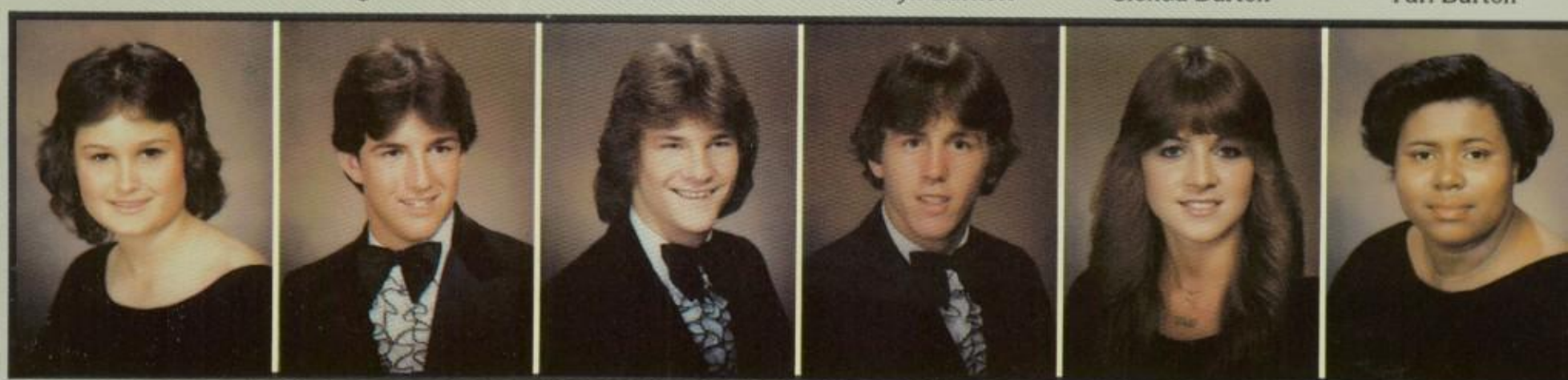

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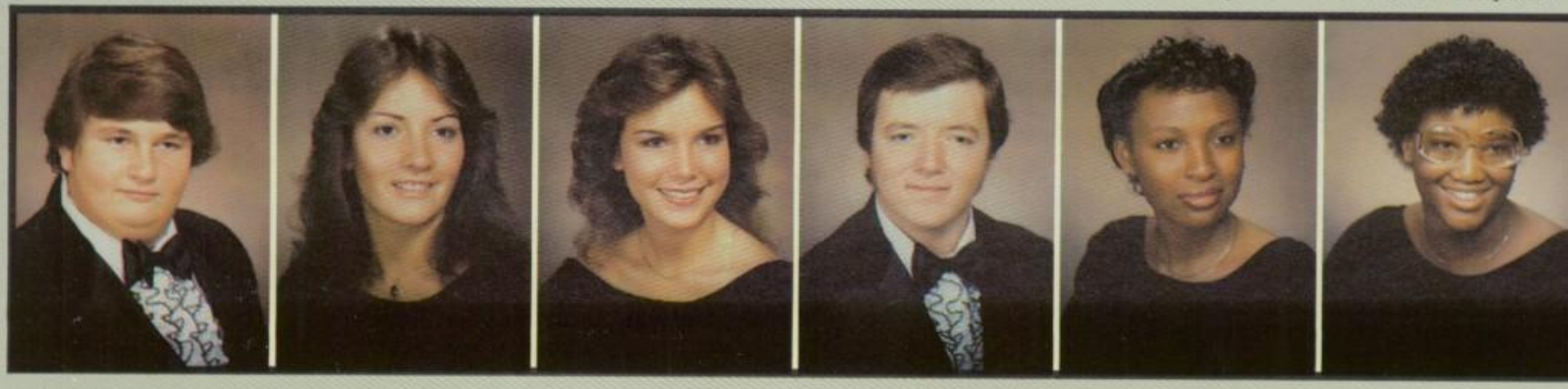


Robert Childers | Debbie Cira | Lisa Clark | Jesse Clevenger | Rena Cody | Bernicene Coleman

**Bonnie Bouch** — FAP; SW Fla. Math Team 9, 10; French Club 9-12; Ele. French Teacher 11, 12; Quarterback Club Pepsi Girl 9-12; Greenpeace 10; Executive Council 10-12; SGA Treasurer 12; N.R.E.C.A. Youth Tour 11; North's Representative to Seminar of Tomorrow's Leaders 11; NHS 11, 12; Vice-President 12; FCA 11, 12.

**Ron Bouchillon**

**Pamela Boyette** — SAP; Executive Council 9, 10, 12; Drama 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12; Flag Corps 12; Spirit Club 9.

**Debra Bradley** — FAP; German Club 10, 12, German Exchange Program 10; Drama 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12; Executive Council 11, 12; SGA 11; **LANCE** 12; Chorus 12; PowderPuff Football 12.

**Shelly Brewster** — Chorus 9; Spirit Club 9; Drama 11, 12; Executive Council 12.

**Julie Britton** — Swim Team 9; FAP; Knight Life 9, 10; Flag Corps 11, 12; Executive Councils 9-12; Who's Who Among American High School Students.

**Lisa Brooks**

**Angela Brown** — Chorus 9-12; Child Care 12.

**Scott Brown** — Baseball 10; Basketball 10; Diving Team 11, 12; Captain 11, 12; Swim Team 11, 12; Homecoming Court 12.

**Marilyn Burkett** — LANCE 10-12.

**Glenda Burton** — Piano 12.

**Tari Burton** — Bradley Bourbonnais Community High, Bradley, Ill. 9, 10; DCT 11; Executive Council 11, 12.

**Carolyn Busbee** — Riverdale High 9.

**Steve Callari** — FAP; Executive Council 9-12; Baseball 9; Football 9; PowderPuff Cheerleader 9; Drama 10-12; Thespians 11, 12; Spirit Club 11; **LANCE** 12.

**Chris Carpenter** — Football 9.

**Jason Cash** — FAP; Spirit Club 9, 10; Baseball 9-12; Executive Council 9-12; Spanish Club 10, 12; Drama 11, "Go Ask Alice" 11; PE Leadership 11; Chorus 11, U. of Miami Honor Choir 11, Lee County Honor Choir 11; Cheerleader 12; **LANCE** 12; Hall of Fame 12; Who's Who Among American High School Students.

**Denise Chaplow** — Track 9; Executive Counc 10-12.

**Marcella Chapman** — Volleyball 9; Spirit Club 9, 1 YAC 11; FHA 12.

**Robert Childers** — Marching Band 10-12, Conce Band 9, Symphonic Band 10-12, Band Council 11, 1 Quartermaster 11, President 12; Boys' State, House Representatives 11.

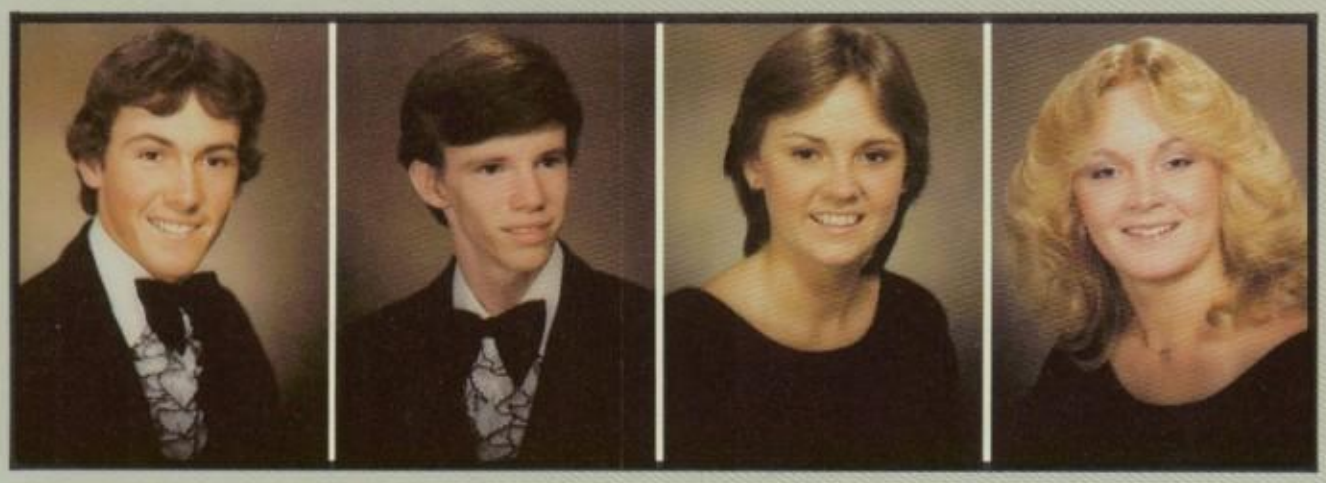
**Debbie Cira** — Wickliffe High, Wickliffe, OH 9-1 DECA 12; SGA 12.

**Lisa Clark** — Spirit Club 9; Chorus 9-12; Preside 11, 12; Lee County Honor Choir 9-12; Interact 9; E ecutive Council 10-12; SGA 11, 12; DECA 11.

**Jesse Clevenger**

**Rena Cody**

**Bernicene Coleman** — Volleyball 10-12; Basketb 10; Spirit Club 11, 12; YAC 11, 12; Track 10, 1 DECA 12, Corresponding Secretary 12; PE Leadersh 11, 12.



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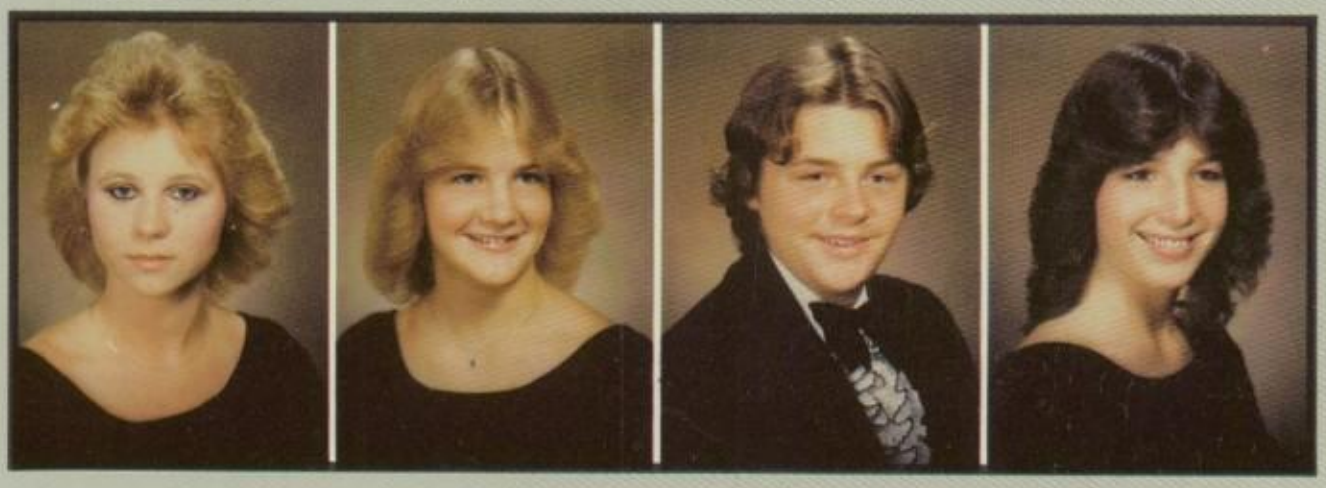

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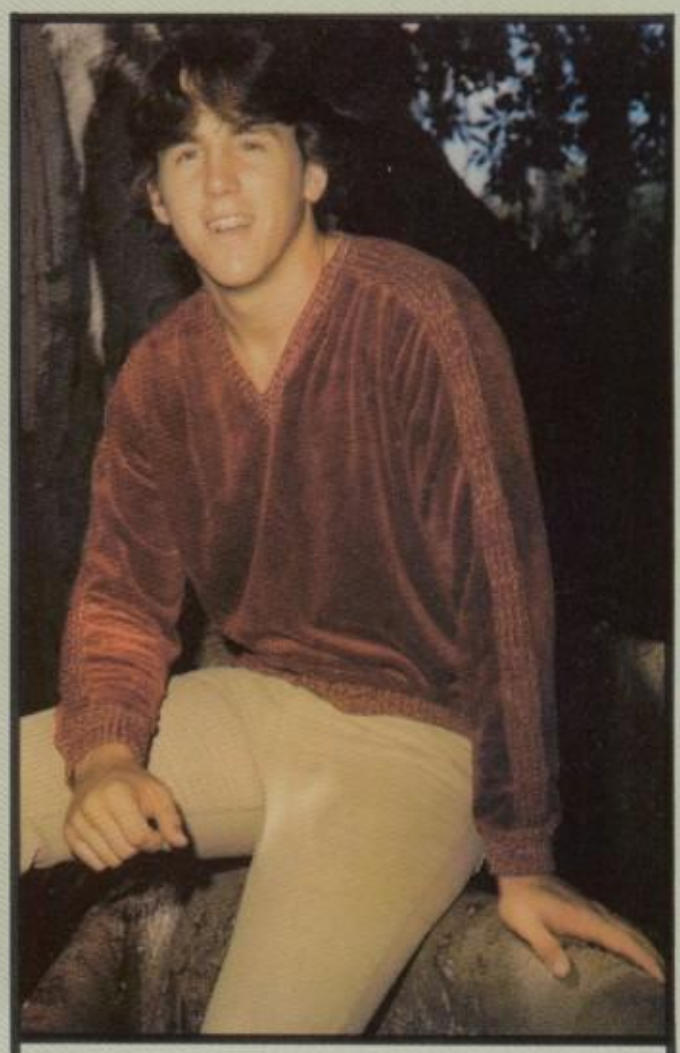
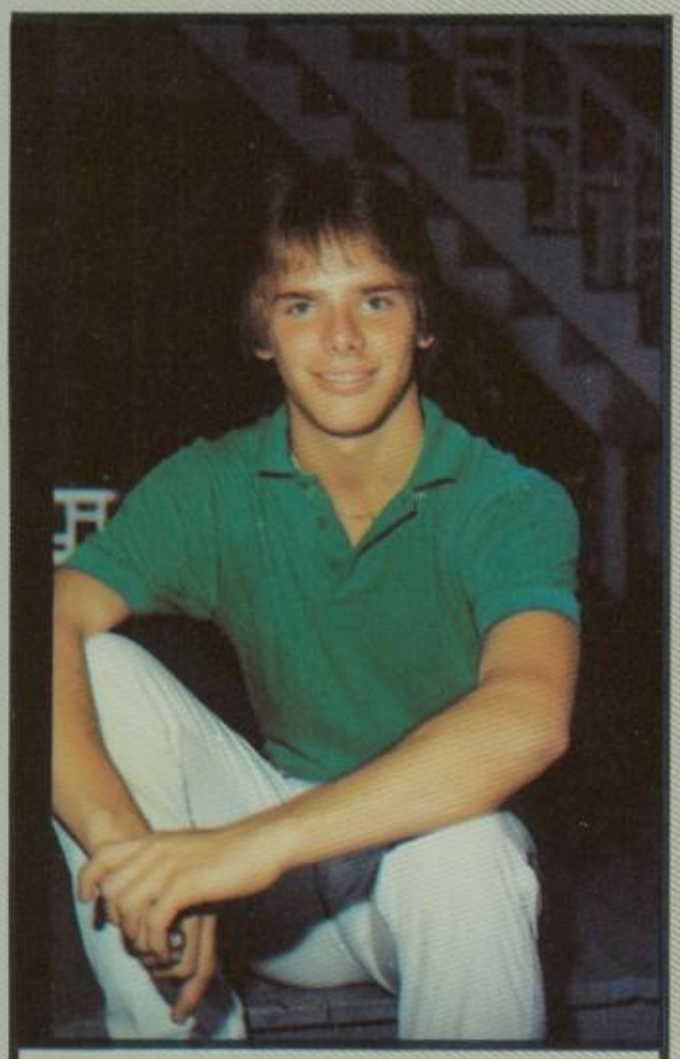


Spirit, sports, and song are three important ingredients in **Jason Cash's** life. An excellent baseball player, Jason spent one year on the JV squad before moving up to varsity. Jason's love of sports spilled over to the spirit side. As a sophomore he joined Spirit Club and so enjoyed the organized yelling for other athletes, that his senior year he became one of three male cheerleaders at North. That year he also assumed the post of Co-Sports Editor for Lance '83.

Performing came easily to this **Hall of Fame** member. A member of the North Chorus as a junior, Jason was chosen as a member of the Lee County and the University of Miami Honor Choirs and was listed in "Who's Who in Music in America." This same showmanship prompted him to take part in talent shows and plays, and to join Forensics.

Jason plans to attend ECC and then transfer to the University of Florida, majoring in public relations and advertising. With a philosophy of "plan for today but always dream for tomorrow," he is certain to achieve his goals.

**Mark Collins** — PE Leadership 10; Wrestling 12.
**Kenneth Collins** — Marching Band 9; Drama 11, 12, Thespians 11, 12; Executive Council 12.
**Lisa Coman** — James Kenan High, Kenansville, N.C. 9-10; Spanish Club 11; Drama Club 12; Executive Council 12; PE Leadership 12.
**Cindy Conrad** — Academy of Christian Education 10, 11.
**Nicholas Cooley** — FAP; French Club 10; Drama Club 10, 11; "Grease" 10; Thespians 10-12; **LANCE** 10, 11; German-American Exchange Program 9; Basketball Announcer 11; Swim Team 12; Knight Life 11; ECC 12; Executive Council 9-12; SGA 9-12.
**Elizabeth Corbitt** — Chorus 11, 12; YAC 12.
**Mike Cornele** — FFA 9-12; PE Leadership 12; Baseball 9, 10.
**Diana Cosby** — Basketball 9, 11; Volleyball 11; Powder Puff Football 9, 10, 12; DCT 11, Vice-President; Track 10-12.
**William Counts** — Drama 11.
**Mitzi Cox** — Marching Band 9; SGA 9.
**Cathy Crocker**
**Brenda Crosby** — Spirit Club 9; Volleyball 9-11; Softball Manager 10; PE Leadership 12; Executive Council 11, 12.
**Dana Cunningham**
**Jeri Cunningham** — United Township High, East Moline, Ill. 9; Track 10; Basketball 10; Spirit Club 10, 11; Executive Council 10-12, Class Coordinator 12; Spanish Club 10-12, Coordinator 11, Vice-President 12; Interact 11, 12, Vice-President 11, 12; Wrestling Cheerleader 11; NHS 11, 12, Treasurer 12; Who's Who Among American High School Students.
**Steve Curran** — Tech High School 9; Cape Coral High School 10; VoTech 11.
**Kerrie Cusic** — Spanish Club 12.



"I want to entertain, make people laugh!," that is **Mark Arlington's** main goal in life. He showed his talent to entertain at North by appearing in the following school productions: "Our Town," "It Happens Every Summer," "Grease," "Knights on Broadway," "Go Ask Alice," "Godspell," "Knights in Lights," "Lights Out," and "George M." On stage or behind the scenes, Mark's theatrical abilities earned him praise and awards.

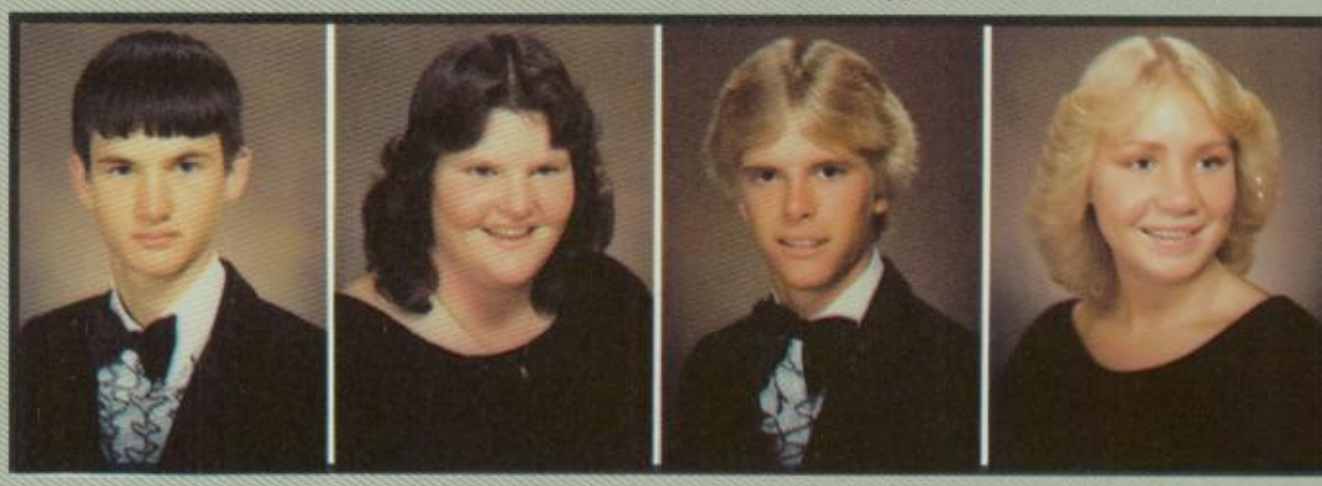
Mark's interest in preparing for an acting career took him beyond being a member and president of Thespian Troupe #2519. He joined the Forensics League and competed in speech tournaments throughout Florida.

Not only could Mark act, sing, and dance but he also played bass clarinet. He was a member of the marching, concert, and symphonic bands and served as Vice-President of the Band Council his senior year. Spanish Club, Senior Executive Council, and Boys' State rounded out this **Hall of Fame** member's activities.

Someday when Mark's name is in lights, we'll remember the hours of entertainment provided by this talented Red Knight.

Steve Dahlberg | Laura Davis | Alfreda Dean | Patricia DeRosia

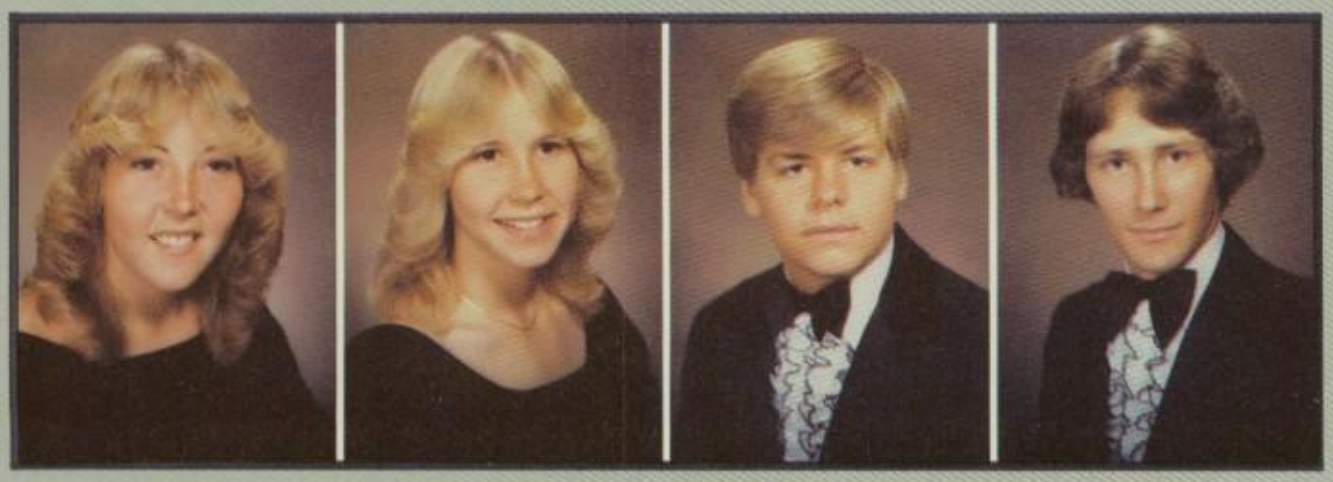
Mike Desfosses | Valerie Dickerson | Patrick Diggs | Carla Doerré



John Drawdy | Tammy Drawdy | Paul Drew | April Driggers

Marc Drouin | Tami DuBrule | Rick Eash | Paul Englehart

**Steve Dahlberg** — Ranum High, Colorado 10; Football 11, 12; Baseball 11, 12; PE Leadership 12.
**Laura Davis** — Executive Council 9-12; Flag Corps 11; Orchestra 11; DECA 12; Spanish Club 10-12, Coordinator 12.
**Alfreda Dean** — FHA 12.
**Patricia DeRosia** — Onekama High, Onekama, MI 9, 10; Band 11, 12.
**Mike Desfosses**
**Valerie Dickerson** — FHA 12.
**Patrick Diggs** — JROTC 9; Football 10; DCT 11.
**Carla Doerre** — Track 11.
**John Drawdy** — DCT 12.
**Tammy Drawdy** — Spirit Club 9; Executive Council 12.
**Paul Drew** — Basketball 9; Baseball 10-12; PE Leadership 11; Homecoming Court 12.
**April Driggers**
**Marc Drouin** — DECA 10-12, Diving Team 9; Executive Council 11.
**Tami DuBrule** — FAP; Executive Council 10-12; PE Leadership 11, 12; SGA 11, 12; Baseball Bat Girl 11, 12.
**Rick Eash** — FFA 10-12.
**Paul Engelhart**



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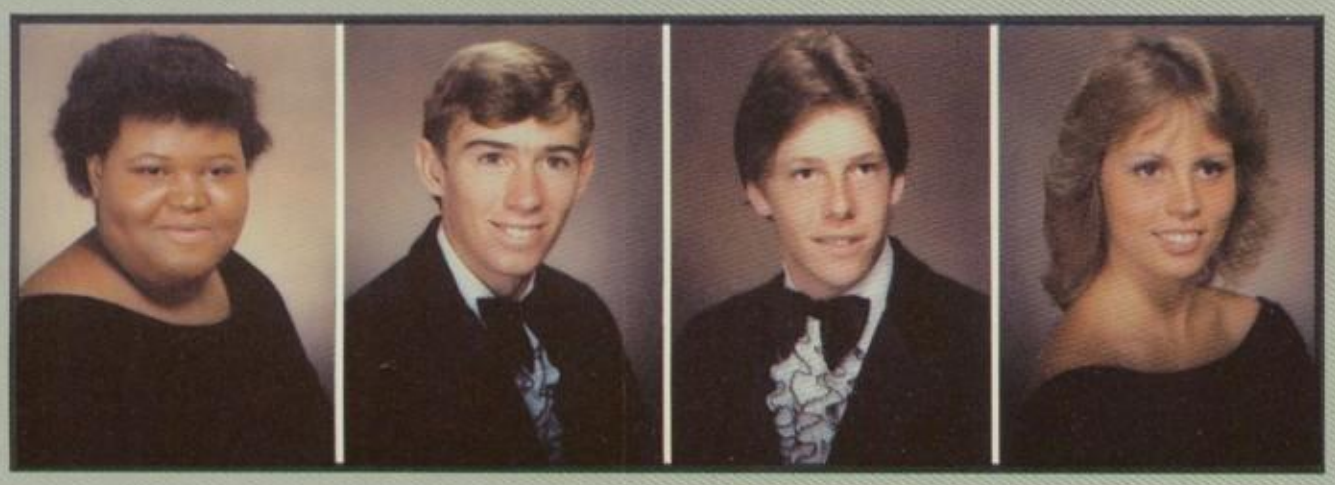

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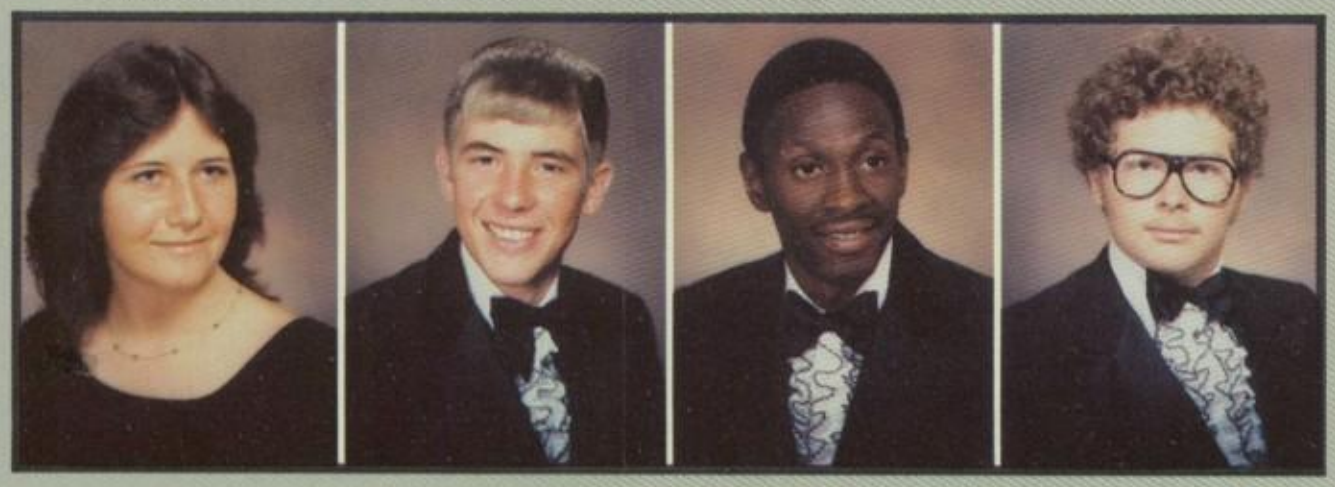


Shelli Garringer | Joby Gay | John Gibbons, Jr. | Johnny Giddens

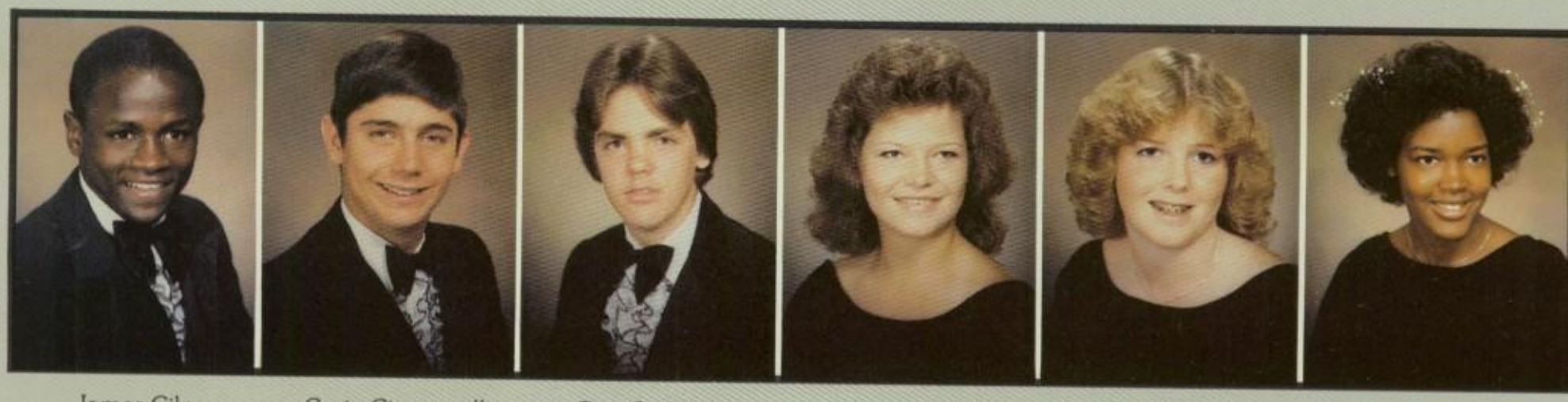
"Give me an S . . . give me a P . . . give me an I . . . R . . . I . . . T" and that spells **Catherine Kubesh.** This energetic bundle of beauty, brains, and personality was a North High cheerleader for three years. Her senior year she captained the varsity squad.

Away from her pom-poms, Cathy led an equally busy life. As a Spanish Club member for 4 years, a YAC member for 2 years, and a member of her Class Executive Council for 4 years, Cathy found herself "traveling in the busy lane." Her classmates honored her hard work and continuous interest in North by electing her Sophomore Class Sgt.-at-Arms, Junior class Secretary, and a representative on the Homecoming Court both her junior and senior years.

Academics were never slighted by this **Hall of Fame** member. Maintaining an A-average, Cathy was tapped for NHS her junior year. That same year she was selected as Intern to Congressman Skip Bafalis.

Cathy's future plans include college and a career as a dental hygienist. With her talents and interests she'll have no trouble fulfilling her personal and career goals.

**Gina Erwin** — Band 9, 10.
**Valerie Erwin** — Band 9-11; Executive Council 12.
**Donald Estlund** — Ft. Myers High 9; Cape Coral High 10; JROTC 9-12; Football 11, 12.
**Roger Fahrner** — Work Experience 9; DCT 10; PE Leadership 12; Drama 12; Thespian 12.
**Irene Falligan** — Everglades High 10; Art Club 12.
**William Floyd** — Golf 10; DCT 11; Cross Country 12.
**Neil Fowler** — Band 9, 10; Swim Team 10-12.
**Sylvia Freeman** — Spirit Club 9, 10; Interact 9-12, Vice-President 10, President 11, 12; Executive Council 11, 12; SGA 12.
**Dawn French** — Cheerleader 9; Spirit Club 9; FAP 9; Track 10, 11; Executive Council 11, 12; Baseball Scorekeeper 11, 12.
**Charlene Fricke** — Whitco High, South Whitley, Ind. 9; Executive Council 11, 12.
**Lorie Gage** — CBE/FBLA 12; **LANCE** 11.
**Troy Garrett**
**Shelli Garringer** — FHA 12; Spirit Club 12.
**Joby Gay** — FFA 9-12; President 12.
**John Gibbons, Jr.** — Interact 9, 10, Treasurer 9, President 10; A.L.T. Leadership 9; DCT 11, President 11; **LANCE** 12; Piano 12; Track 12.
**Johnny Giddens** — Football 10; JROTC 11, 12.



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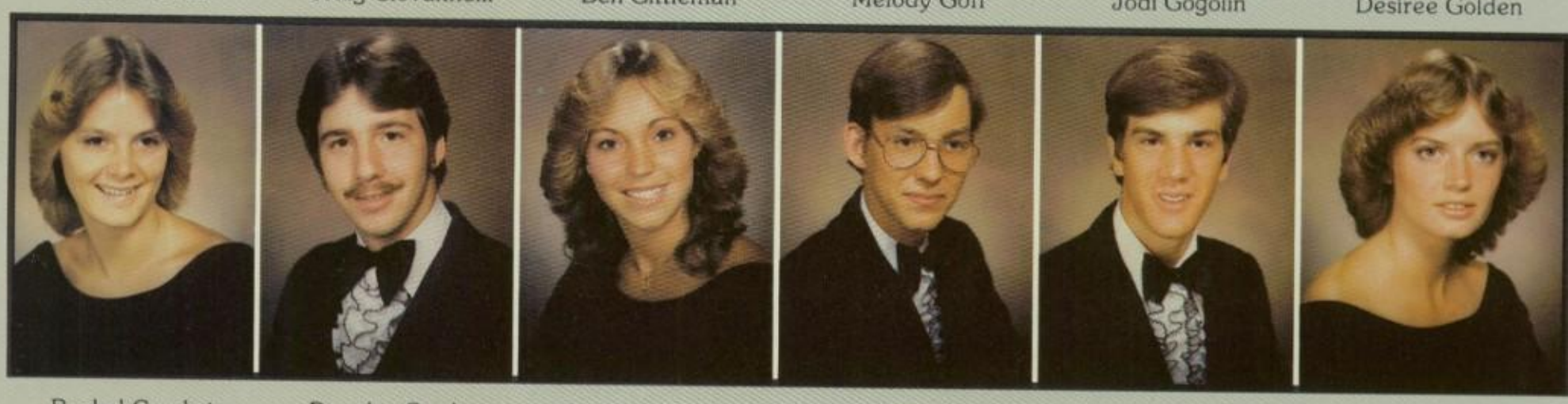

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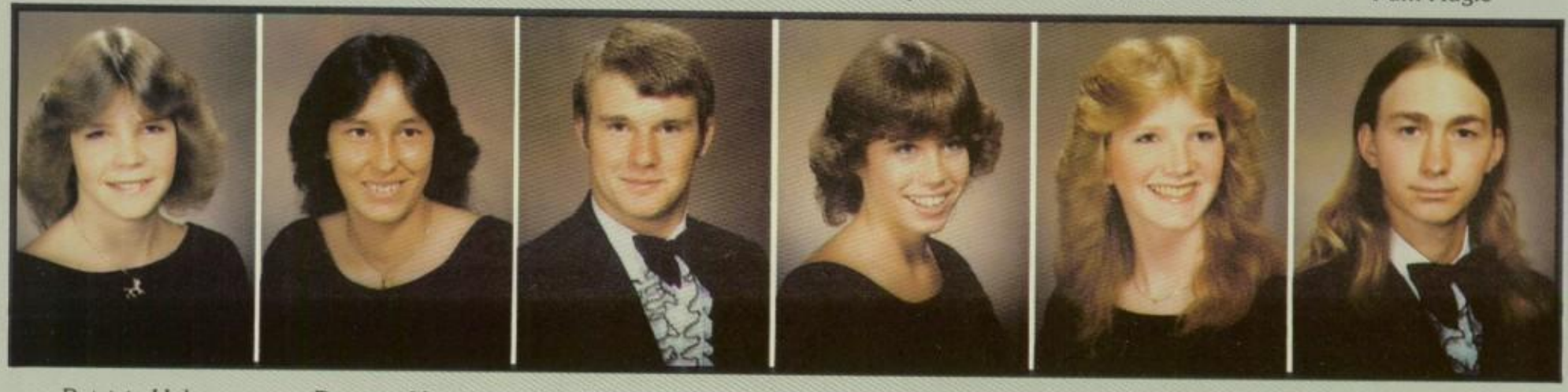

Patricia Haley | Ramona Harris | Chris Hartnett | Debra Harwood | Casey Hauger | James Heinske

**James Giles** — PE Leadership 12; Baseball 12; Basketball 9-12; SAC 11, 12; Homecoming Court 12.
**Craig Giovannelli** — Executive Council 9; FFA 9-12; Baseball 9; Spanish Club 12.
**Ben Gittleman** — Drama 9; JROTC 10; Basketball 11, 12; Forensics 11, 12.
**Melody Goff** — Chorus 9; Executive Council 11; VoTech 12.
**Jodi Gogolin** — FFA 10; VoTech 12.
**Desiree Golden** — Spirit Club 9; Track 9; Interact 9; SAC 11, 12; CBE 11, 12, Special Projects Chairperson 11, Secretary 12; Hall of Fame 12; Who's Who Among American High School Students.
**Rachel Goodwin** — Swim Team 10; Drama 12.
**Douglas Gordon**
**Suzanne Gordon** — Bayshore High School, Bradenton 9-11; Executive Council 12; Swim Team 12.
**Ed Grabowski** — JROTC 9-12.
**Russell Graettinger** — Riverdale High School 9, 10; Swim Team 10-12; JROTC 9-12; VoTech 12.
**Gennie Green** — Keyettes 9.
**Nora Green** — PE Leadership 12; Piano 12.
**Susan Green** — Child Care 10; Executive Council 10; Drama 12.
**Tracy Greer** — Cheerleader 10; Homecoming Court 9; PE Leadership 12.
**Tammy Griffin** — Bancroft School, Worcestor, Maine 9; Wachusett Regional High School, Holden, Maine 10, 11; French Club 12, President 12.
**Richard Griffith**
**Pam Hagie** — FAP 9; Band 9; Executive Council 9-12; German Club 10-12; Greenpeace 10, 11; NHS 11, 12.
**Patricia Haley** — Cheerleader 9, 10, Co-Captain 10; Spirit Club 9; Spanish Club 9, 11, 12; Volleyball 10, 11.
**Ramona Harris** — Cross Country 11, 12; Track 10, 11; Spanish Club 10; Softball 12.
**Chris Hartnett** — Football 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 11, 12; Track 11; Baseball 12; Interact 11; Spanish Club 12; Forensics 12; Executive Council 12.
**Debra Harwood** — Bishop McMahon, Buffalo, New York 9, 10.
**Casey Hauger** — Knight Life 10; Forensics 11, 12; Drama 12; Executive Council 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12, Vice-President 11, President 12.
**James Heinske**

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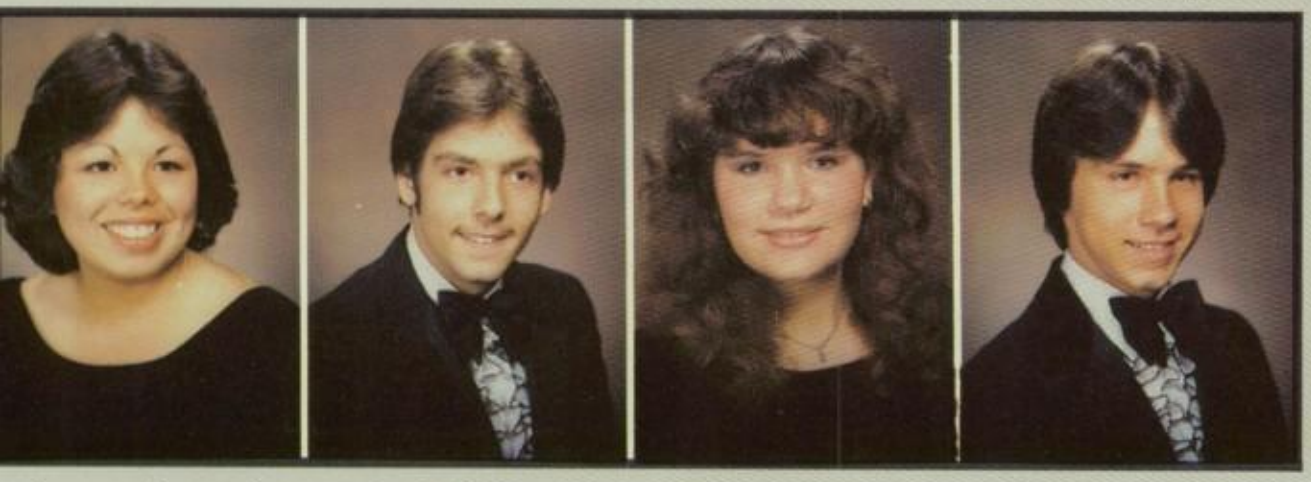

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Ben Houser | Carla Howard | Mary Hribar | Velvet Huffmaster

Darrell Jackson | Jeannine Jaschob | Joni Jeffcoat | David Jerz

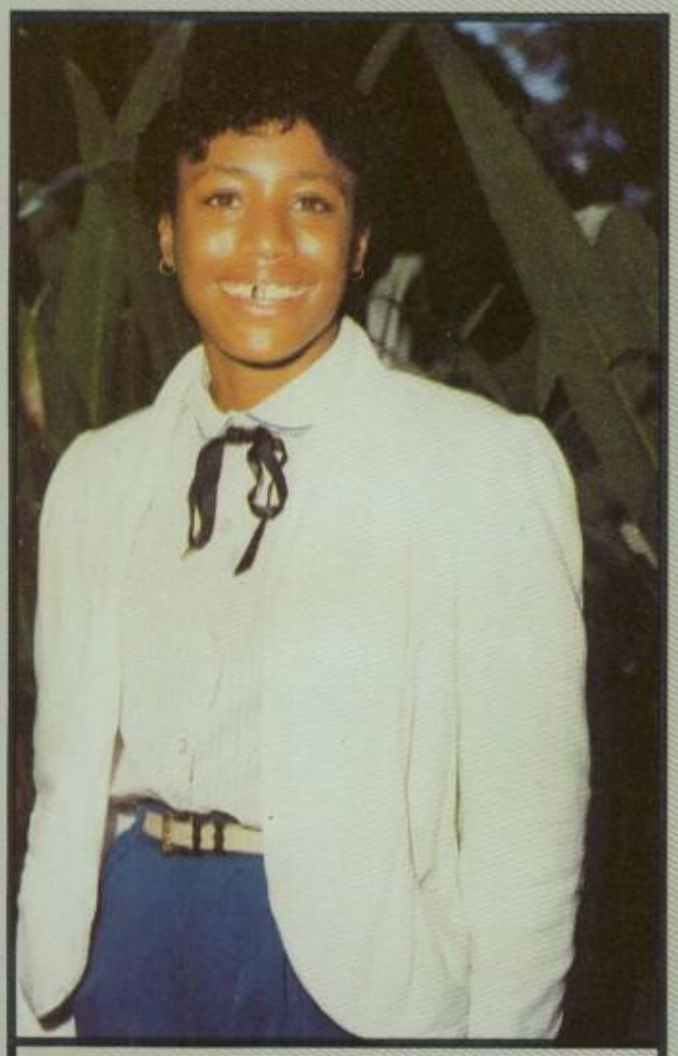
If one word could be used to describe **Rita Scott** it would be "leader." Since her arrival at North, Rita has been developing her leadership skills.

As a ninth grader she became active in Spanish Club and the Freshman Executive Council. Although these organizations kept her busy, she still found time to work as a candy striper at Lee Memorial Hospital. Her sophomore year Rita was elected Class Secretary, served on the Student Advisory Council, and was chosen Sophomore Representative on the Homecoming Court. As a junior, Rita was Class Vice-President and Secretary of S.A.C.

Three years of hard work and preparation paid off when Rita's fellow seniors elected her President of the Class of 1983 and North's faculty selected her as a member of the **Hall of Fame.**

Rita's future plans include college and a medical career. When asked what she wanted out of life Rita replied, "That's easy! I want happiness, health, and love . . . and someday to be as wonderful a parent to my children as my parents have been to me!"

**Pat Helms**
**Hezy Hemed** — Executive Council 9-12; Football 10, 12; Wrestling 10; French Club 11; PE Leadership 12.
**Dandria Henry** — Class Secretary 12; Track 9-12; Cheerleader 9-12, Captain 9, 10; Spirit Club 9, 10, 12; Cross Country 12; PE Leadership 9-11; YAC 10-12; SAC 10-12; Executive Council 11, 12; PowderPuff Football 10, 12; Homecoming Court 12; Hall of Fame.
**Dawn Hepp** — Bishop Verot High 9; FHA 10-12, Secretary 12; French Club 11, 12; FFA 12.
**Annette Hernandez** — JROTC 9-12, Queen 11, Executive Officer 12; SGA 10; German Club 11; Executive Council 11, 12.
**Jeff Hess** — Wrestling 10, 12; Baseball 12; VoTech 11.
**Beth Hochstetler** — Chorus 9, 10; VoTech 12.
**Kurt Hopson** — DCT 12.
**Ben Houser** — Swim Team 9-12.
**Carla Howard**
**Mary Hribar** — Volleyball 10; PE Leadership 12.
**Velvet Huffmaster** — FFA 9; German Club 10-12; Greenpeace 10; FAP 9.
**Darrell Jackson** — Basketball 9, 12; Football 10, 11; SAC 10-12; Cheerleader 12; Drama 12.
**Jeannine Jaschob**
**Joni Jeffcoat** — **LANCE** 10, 12; FFA 9; Executive Council 9-12; PE Leadership 11, 12; PowderPuff Football 9, 10; Drama 11; Class Sgt.-at-Arms 12.
**David Jerz** — **LANCE** 10-12, Photo Editor 12; Baseball 9-12.

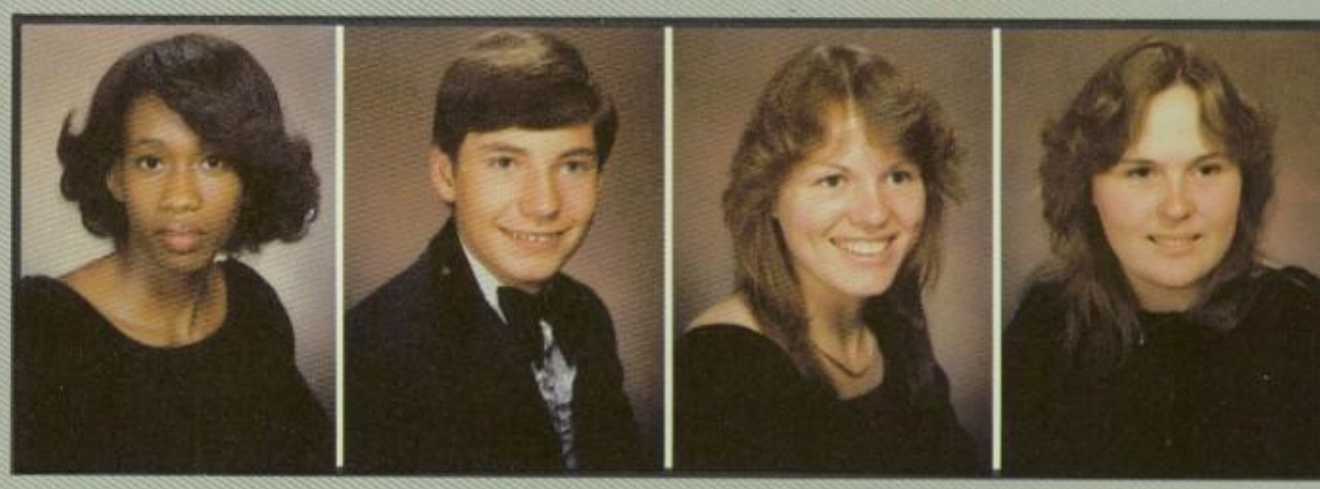


An excellent runner, you always found **Dandria Henry** one step ahead of the crowd. Dee won awards for her performances in track and field. She set school records in the long jump and 100, 200, and 440 yard sprints. She was a member of the mile and 440 relay teams which also established school records. Her ability gained her recognition as "News Press Athlete of the Week" and conference honors.

An outstanding cheerleader, Dee was captain of her squads her freshman and sophomore years, and made the varsity squad her junior and senior years. Her spirit and ability in this field were transferred easily to the community where she coached the Tice Tigers' and the Ft. Myers Packers' cheerleaders.

Membership on YAC, SAC, and North's Advisory Council kept this **Hall of Fame** member busy. Still she had time to be Senior Class Secretary and Senior Representative on the Homecoming Court.

The future looks bright for Dee. Her goals of college and participation in the Olympics should be within this special Knight's grasp.



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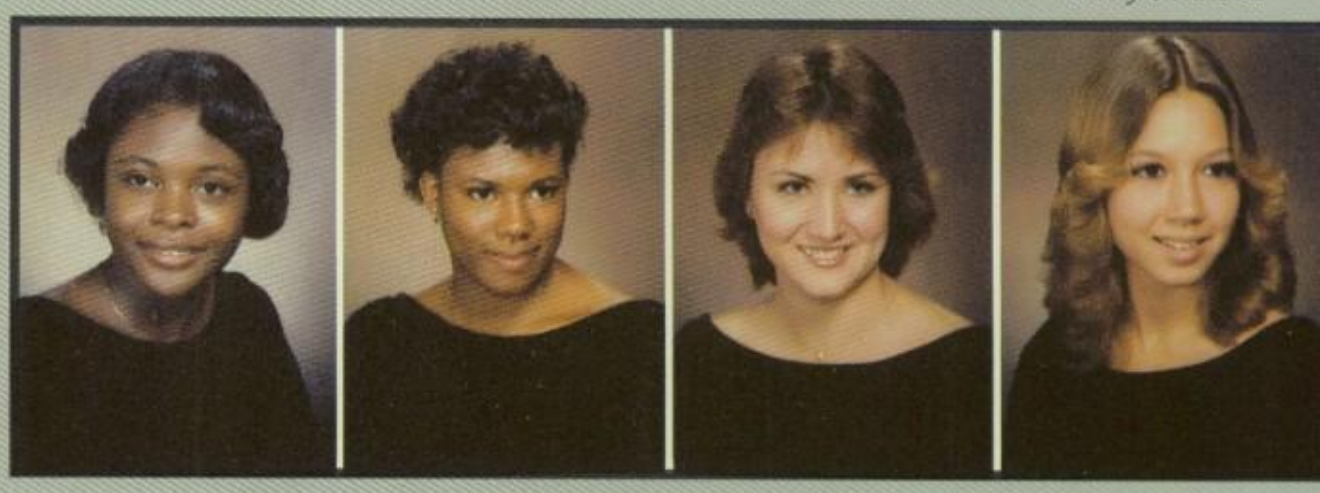

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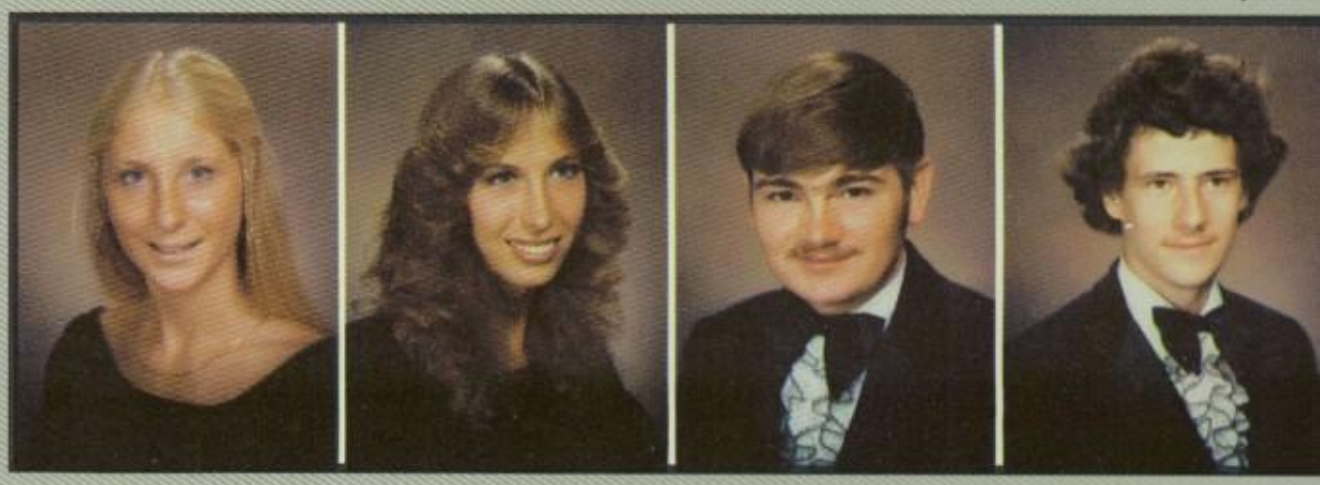
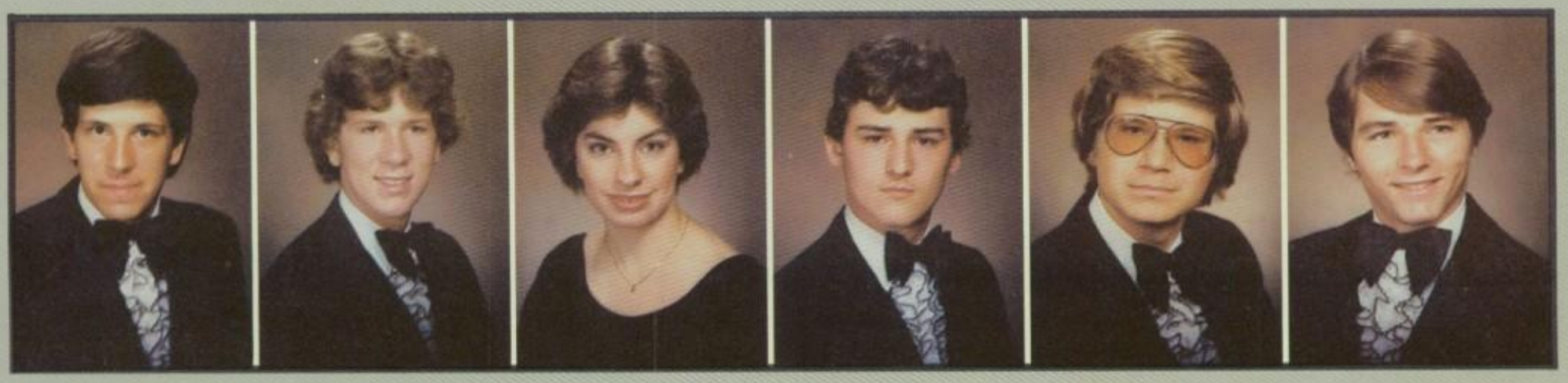


Kitty Koshko | Cathy Kubesh | Tony Land | John Lannen

**Annette Johnson** — German Club 9; Spirit Club 9.
**Brett Johnson** — FAP; SGA 9, 10; German Club 10-12; Vice-President 11, President 12; JROTC 9-12, Plt. Leader 10, Btn. S-3 11, Bde. G-3, 12.
**Laura Johnson** — Executive Council 11, 12.
**Mary Johnson** — Spirit Club 12; Executive Council 12.
**Merlinda Johnson** — FAP; Child Care 10; PE Leadership 12.
**Yolanda Johnson** — Interact 10; CBE/FBLA 12.
**Paula Jones** — Spirit Club 9, 10; JROTC 10, 11; Chorus 9-12; Executive Council 11, 12.
**Lisa Joyner** — Knight Life 10, 12.
**Frank Kelly** — Football 9.
**Kim Kibler** — SGA 9-12, President 12; Executive Council 9-12; Class Vice-President 10, Class President 11; SAC 9-12; CBE/FBLA 11, 12, Historian 11, Vice-President 12, Parliamentary Team 11, 12; Softball 9; Cheerleader 10; Wrestling Cheerleader 11; PE Leadership 11; Homecoming Court 11, 12; Hall of Fame 12.
**Edward Kinder** — Wrestling 10, 11
**Debbie Kirby** — Spirit Club 9, 10; German Club 10-12; German Exchange Program 10, 11; Executive Council 12.
**Kitty Koshko**
**Cathy Kubesh** — Spanish Club 9-12, Sgt.-at-Arms 12; YAC 9-11; Executive Council 9-12; Spirit Club 11; Class Sgt.-at-Arms 10; Class Secretary 11; Cheerleader 10-12, Co-Captain 11, Captain 12; Track 10; NHS 11, 12; Homecoming Court 11, 12; Skip Bafalis Intern 11; Hall of Fame 12; Interact 12.
**Tony Land** — FFA 9-12.
**John Lannen**



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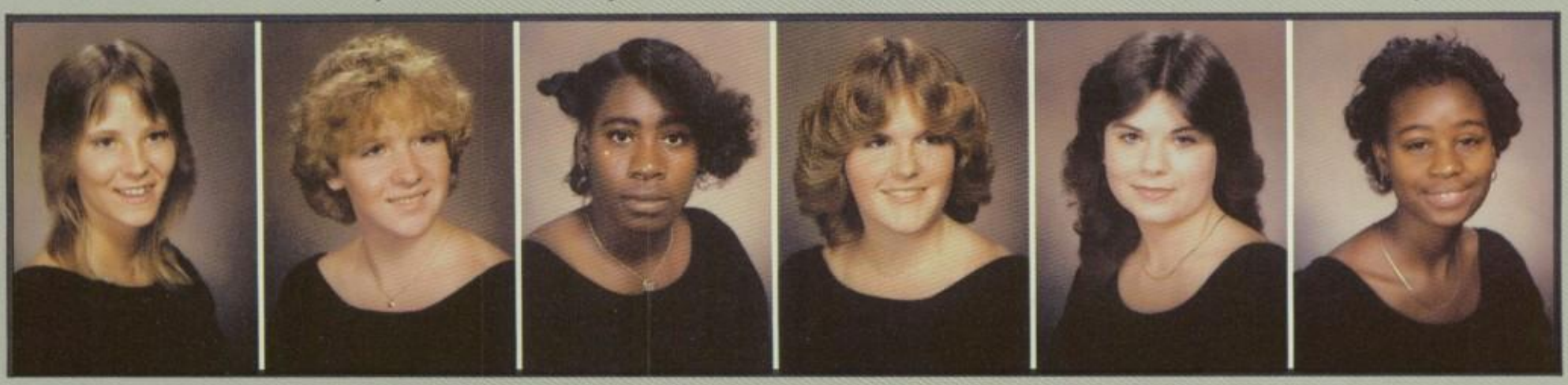


Dayna Mansfield | Alice Manson | Michelle Manuel | Susan Marks | Cheryl Martin | Sheril Massey

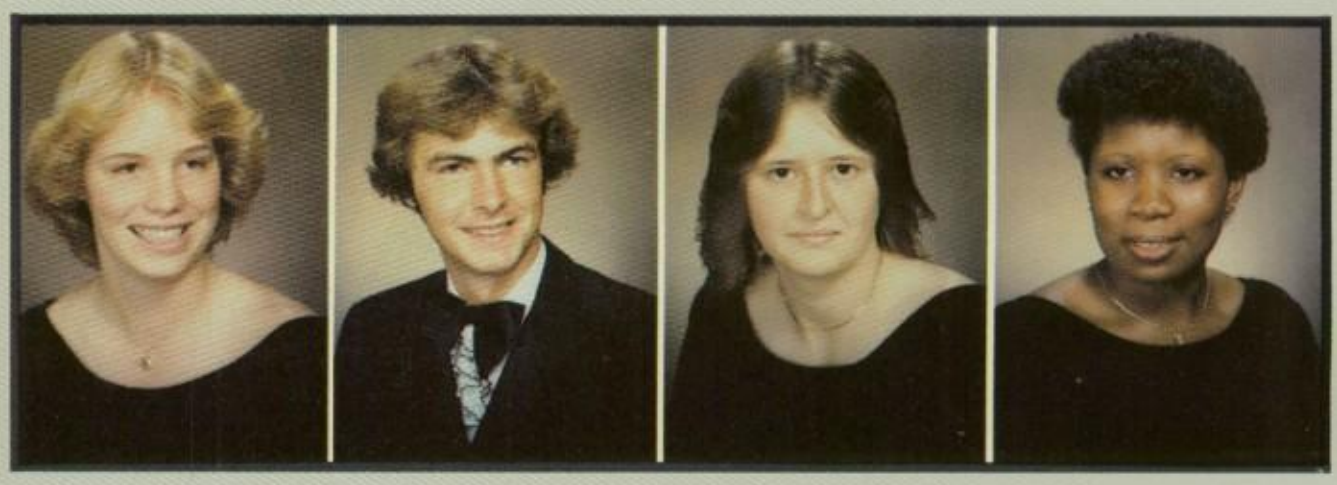
**Robert Lannen**
**John Laughlin**
**Allison Lawrence** — FHA 10; Chorus 11, 12; Chorus Council 12.
**Robert Lawrence**
**Ethan Ledford** — FAP; Band 9, 10, 12; Executive Council 10, 12.
**James Lee** — FAP; NHS 11.
**Janet Lee** — Marching Band 11; Track 12.
**Robby Lennon** — Spanish Club 12.
**Janine Lesh**
**Julia Liberty** — Spanish Club 9; FFA 10; DCT 11; Executive Council 12.
**Theresa Lohness** — Child Care 12.
**Albert Lopez**
**Claudia Lovett** — PowderPuff Football 9, 12; FCA 11; Softball 12; Executive Council 9-12.
**Tanya Lust** — Marching Band 9, 10; Flag Corps 11.
**Coury Macdonald** — FAP; SAP; YAC 9, 10, 12, President 10; French Club 9, 10; Quill and Scroll 10, 12; **LANCE** 10; Math Team 10, 12.
**Michael MacDonald** — **LANCE** 11, 12, Business Manager 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12.
**Brian Makar** — Executive Council 9; Football 9-12; Wrestling 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10; Interact 11.
**Tracy Mann** — FFA 9-12, Secretary 11, 12; CBE/FBLA 12, Historian 12.
**Dayna Mansfield**
**Alice Manson** — Executive Council 10, 11; DECA 12.
**Michelle Manuel** — PowderPuff Football 9; DCT 11; Track 11.
**Susan Marks** — Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10, 11; Majorette 11, 12; Executive Council 9-12; Spanish Club 12.
**Cheryl Martin** — FHA 11, 12; French Club 11, 12.
**Sheril Massey**

The old adage, "If you need something done, ask a busy person," describes how people reacted to **Hall of Fame** member **Bonnie Bouch.** This petite package of pep and energy was always willing to take on one more project and see it through to completion.

Bonnie's many extra-curricular interests at North centered around French Club, SGA, NHS, FCA, and Class Executive Councils. Still she found time to work as a Quarterback Pepsi girl, to arrange programs for the elderly, to volunteer for Easter Seal and MDA Telethons, to do promotional work for a gospel singer, and to teach elementary school French.

Her academic acuteness won her the Grand Prize in an essay contest sponsored by N.R.E.C.A., a trip to Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. Her leadership abilities led to her selection as North's representative at the "Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders."

Bonnie feels her life will be successful if she can help others learn of Christ and his love, and show the world that with God, life can be simply beautiful.



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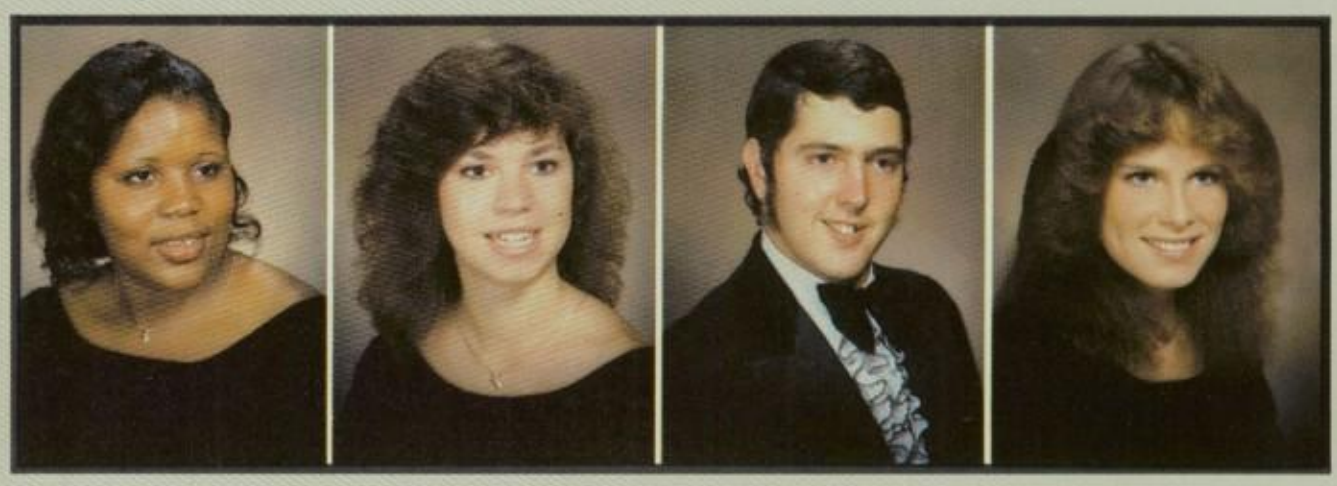

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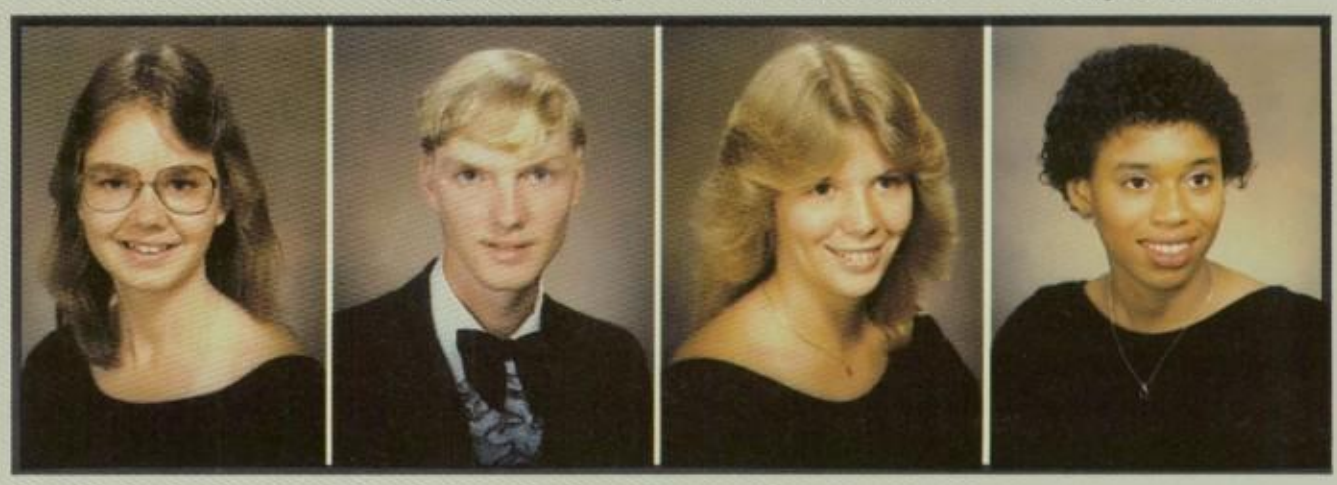


Donna McDaniel | William McDaniel | Lisa McFarland | Komona McGriff

Willie McKnight | Jon McMann | Nancy Mendez | Ronald Merritt

**Mary Massoth** — Basketball 9; Softball 9; Spanish Club 11; Executive Council 11; CBE/FBLA 11, 12, Reporter 11, Treasurer 12.

**Donald Maxwell**

**Lisa McAbee** — FHA 11, 12.

**Andrea McCrea** — PowderPuff Football 9; Chorus 9, 10; Drama 9-12; Thespians 11, 12; "Godspell" 11; FAP; Tennis 10; Track 10; Band 12.

**Aundrea McCrea** — FAP; Child Care 10; PE Leadership 11; Executive Council 12; Spirit Club 12.

**Sheryl McCartney** — Child Care 10; DCT 11; DECA 12.

**Shawn McClure**

**Kelly McConnell** — Executive Council 9-12; Powder-Puff Football 9, 10; Band 10; **LANCE** 12; DECA 12.

**Donna McDaniel** — FFA 10.

**William McDaniel** — Track 10; FFA 11, 12.

**Lisa McFarland** — Executive Council 10, 12; Class Treasurer 10; FFA 12, Historian 12.

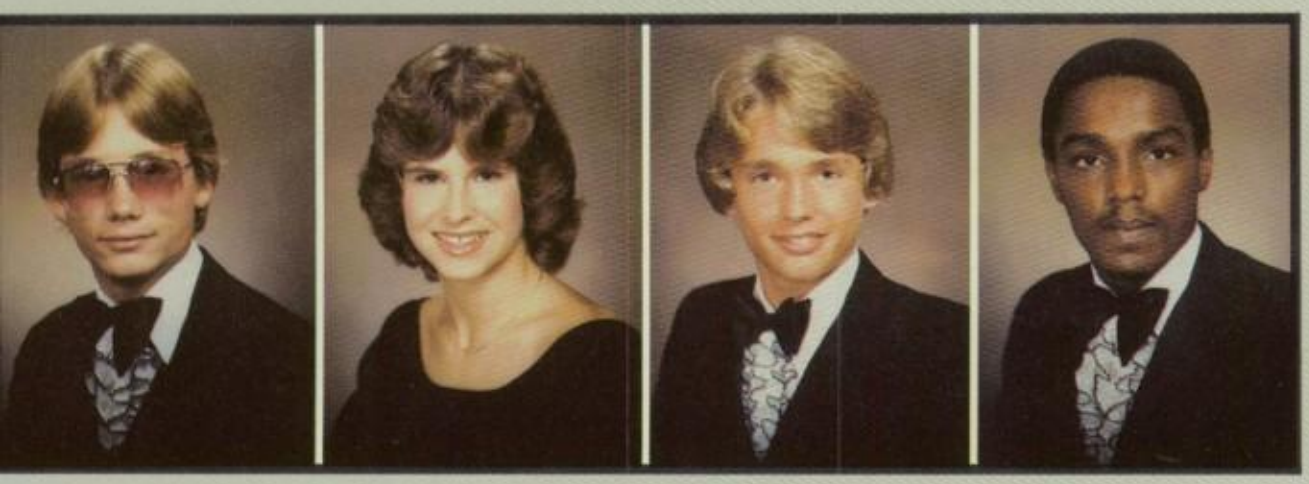
**Komona McGriff** — Spirit Club 9; Knight Life 11, News Editor 11; Executive Council 11; Quill and Scroll 11; VoTech 12.

**Willie (Green) McKnight** — Basketball 9; Football 10, 12; Track 11; Wrestling 12.

**Jon McMann** — FFA 11, 12.

**Nancy Mendez** — Spirit Club 9.

**Ronald Merritt** — JROTC 9-12, 1Lt. Co. Ex. 10, Co. C.O. 11, Batallion Commander 12; Key Club 9-12, Secretary 11, Lt. Governor 12; NHS 11, 12, President 12; Hall of Fame 12.



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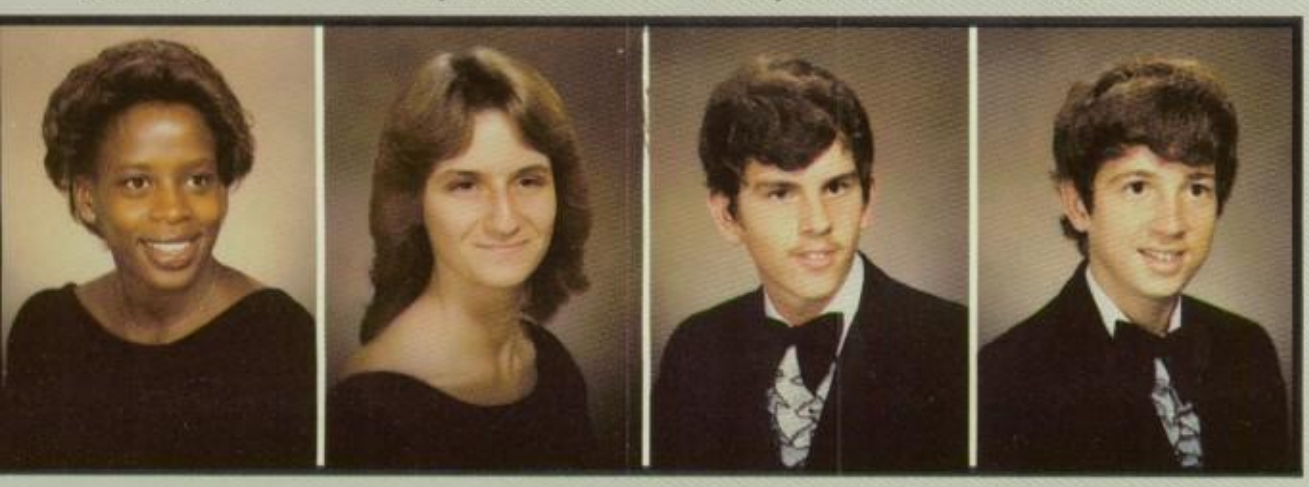

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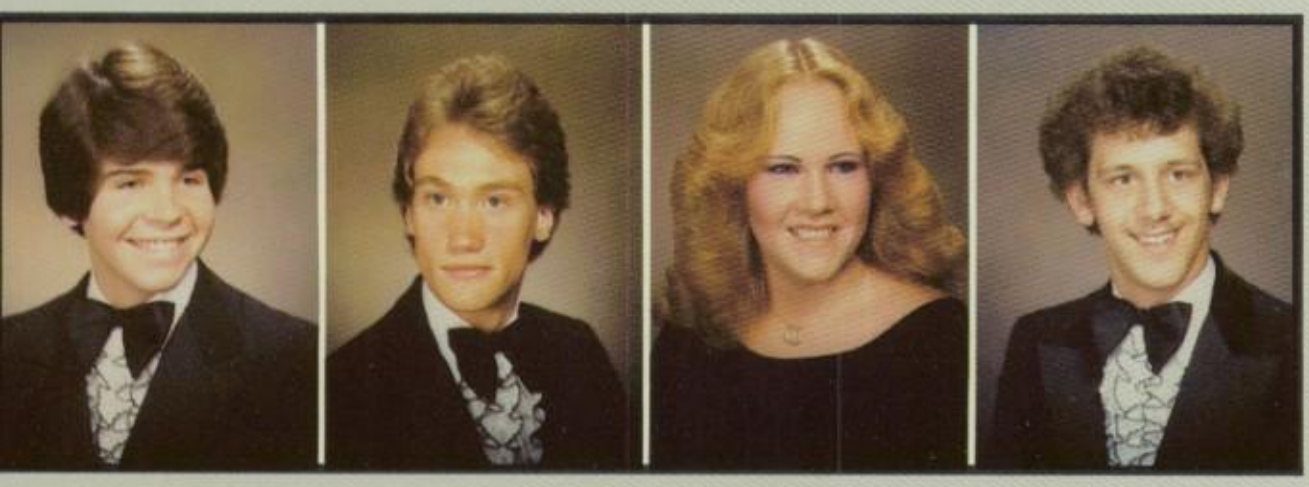


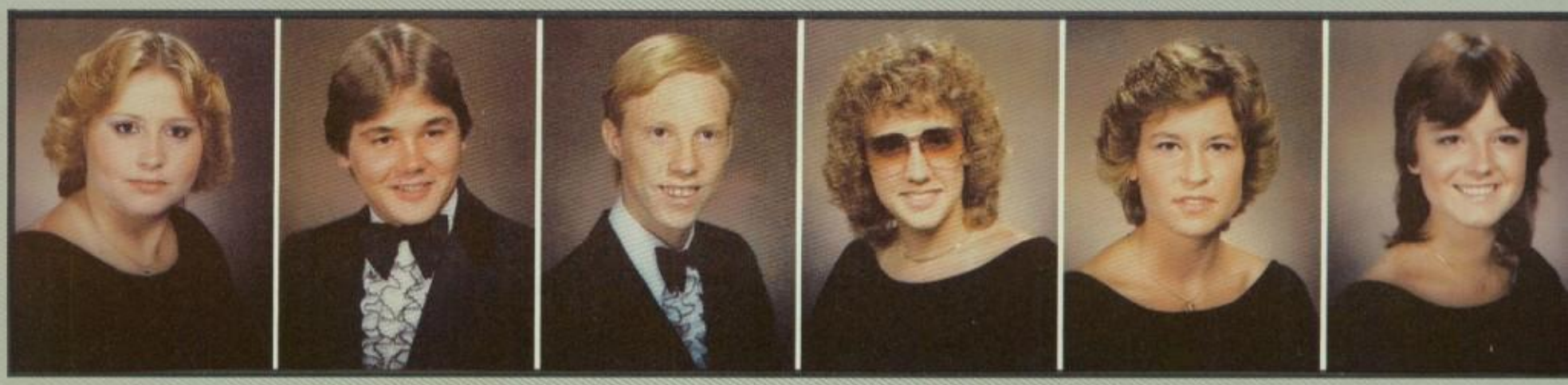
Paul Murphy | Brad Neidigh | Stephanie Nelson | Glenn Nesta

"Children are our future. We should show them the beauty they have inside. They need someone to look up to and depend on." These beliefs of **Desiree Golden** are important and she's been busy in her community implementing them into action. Her involvement and leadership in two community groups, the Friendship Youth Group and the Delta Delteens, demonstrated her willingness to become involved in the problems of today's young people and serve as an example to them.

At North this **Hall of Fame** member has also been busy. As a member of Spirit Club, Interact, and SAC, she has shown determination to meet school problems and deal with them effectively. Desiree's favorite organization, FBLA/CBE, combines classwork, school and community service, a job, and preparation for the future into one package. Her involvement earned Desiree her nomination to "Who's Who in American High Schools."

Desiree wants to develop the skills she has begun at North by studying accounting in college. Then she wants that perfect job, which shouldn't be hard for this perfect young lady.

**Sean Meyers** — FAP; JROTC 9-12; Football 10; Wrestling 12; Track 12; Drama 12.
**Dawn Minick** — FFA 10; Diving Team 9-11; Thespians 11, 12.
**Todd Minott**
**Vincent Mitchell** — Football 9-12; Basketball 9, 10, 12; PE Leadership 12.
**Steven Moll**
**Billy Monroe**
**Wendy Moreaux**
**Stuart Moriconi** — Basketball 9; Baseball 10-12; Football 10-12; PE Leadership 12.
**Teressa Moss**
**Barbara Mueller** — Spanish Club 10; Flag Corps 11; **LANCE** 10-12, Editor 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Who's Who Among American High School Students.
**Richard Muri** — Cross Country 10-12, Captain 11; Track 9-12; German Club 11, 12; Forensics 10; PE Leadership 11; Interact 11, 12; Student Athletic Trainer 12.
**Steven Muri** — Cross Country 10-12, Captain 11; Track 9-12; JROTC 10-12, Platoon Leader 11, Battalion Staff 12; Forensics 10; Drama 10, "Our Town" 9; German Club 11; Interact 11; Who's Who Among American High School Students.
**Paul Murphy** — Cypress Lake High 9; Lenape High, Medford, N.J. 9; Cape Coral High 10; Maple Shade High, Maple Shade, N.J. 10; Drama 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12, "Godspell" 11; Forensics 12, Historian 12; **LANCE** 12; ECC 12; Who's Who Among American High School Students.
**Brad Neidigh** — Waterloo High, New York 9, 10; Cross Country 11.
**Stephanie Nelson**
**Glenn Nesta** — Baseball 9, 10; JROTC 9, 10; **LANCE** 11; Executive Council 11, 12.



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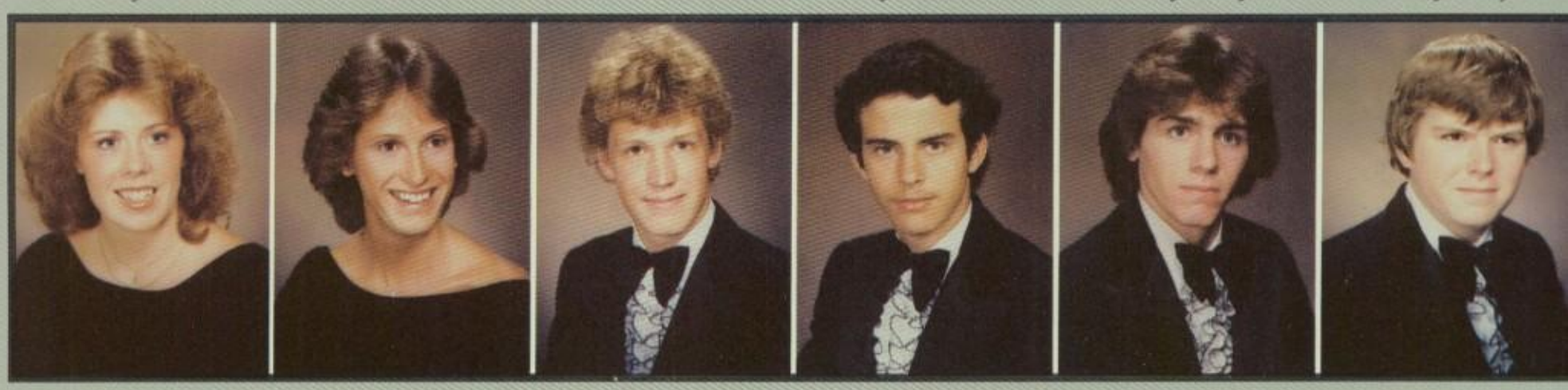


Lisa Phillips | Beth Pickering | Greg Pike | Paul Poirier | John Preuss | John Prickett

Jeff Prince | Edgar Pugh | Karen Putmon | Christine Radhuber | Walter Ratliff | Debbie Raulerson

**Jennifer Nicks** — FAP; ROTC 9, 10, 12; **LANCE** 10, 12, Index Editor 12; Track 9; Excalibur 10; Executive Council 10.

**Mike Normandin**

**Eric Null** — Ft. Myers High 9; Boys' State Alternate 11; Electric Co-Op Essay Contest, Runner-Up 11; Executive Council 12; SGA 12.

**Pamela Oakes** — Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 9-12; PowderPuff Football 9, 12; Florida State Science Fair Finalist 9-12; Science and Engineering Fair Finalist 11, 12; Planetary Society 11, 12; Junior Academy of Science 11, 12; International Science Fair Finalist 12; SGA 10, 11; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Bausch and Laumb Science Award; America's Outstanding Names and Faces.

**Terri Osborne** — FAP; Tennis 9; SGA 10, 11, 12; Executive Council 10-12; German Club 10; Greenpeace 10, 11, Vice-President 11, 12; German-American Partnership Program 10; **LANCE** 11; NRECA Youth Tour; Quill and Scroll 11, 12.

**Jody Palladino** — Okeechobee High School 10.

**Cathy Park**

**Beth Parrish** — Tennis 9; Executive Council 9, 10; Spanish Club 11.

**Richard Parson**

**Wayne Pearce** — Spanish Club 9; Key Club 10; JROTC 9-12; FFA 11, 12.

**Cindy Perry** — Saugus High, Saugus, Mass. 9, 10.

**Cindy Petty** — Spanish Club 9; FHA 11, 12; PE Leadership 12; Executive Council 12; PowderPuff Football 12.

**Lisa Phillips** — Conroe High, Conroe, Texas 9-11; Interact 12, Drama 12.

**Beth Pickering** — DECA 10; **LANCE** 10; VoTech 11; Cross Country 12.

**Greg Pike** — Marching Band 9-12, Drum Major 12; Stage Band 10, 11; Symphonic Band 10-12; "Grease" Band 10; Voice of Democracy Winner 10.

**Paul Poirier** — VoTech 12.

**John Pruess** — Wallkill High, Wallkill, N.Y. 9; Wrestling 10, 11; Tennis 10; Spirit Club 10; Forensics 11; Track 12; Swim Team 12.

**John Prickett** — Lakewood High, St. Petersburg 9 Golf 11; Forensics 10-12; Thespians 10-12; Spanis Club 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12, Secretary 12; Boy State 11; NRECA Youth Tour 11; University of Madri 10; Who's Who Among American High Scho Students; SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

**Jeff Prince** — FAP; Baseball 10-12; Homeroo Volleyball Champs 11; PE Leadership 11.

**Edgar Pugh** — Football 10-12; Basketball 10.

**Karen Putmon** — DECA 10-12, Sweetheart 1 Vice-President 11, President 12; Track 11, 12; SG 12; Flag Corps 11.

**Christine Radhuber** — Wells High, Wells, Maine 10; Lemon Bay High 10, 11; **LANCE** 12.

**Walter Ratliff** — Cross Country 11, 12; Track 9, 1 12; Homeroom Volleyball Champs 11; Interact 11, 1 Executive Council 10-12; Forensics 12; **LANCE** 1 12, Photographer 12.

**Debbie Raulerson** — Homeroom Volleyball Champ 11; Thespians 11, 12; CBE/FBLA 12.

Jeff Reed | Robin Reed | Lynn Reich | RoseMarie Reid

Jodi Reigle | Ron Renfroe | Suzette Rensch | Kim Rewis

Charles Rhoden | Kim Richards | Debra Ripple | Pam Ritter

John Rodgers | Teresa Roof | David Rosario | Brenda Rose

**Hall of Fame** member **Ronald Merritt** believed in getting involved at North High and in Lee County. His service to his school and his volunteer work with MDA, LARC, and the American Cancer Society, brought him recognition and respect from his peers and the adult community.

Key Club, JROTC, and National Honor Society were three organizations which benefited from Ron's interest. He joined JROTC and Key Club his freshman year and continued in both throughout his four years at North, rising to the rank of Lt. Governor in Key Club and Battalion Commander in JROTC. His junior year he was inducted into NHS and as a senior served as president of this scholastic honorary.

Ron has received many honors due to his intellectual and leadership abilities. In 1981 he received the "Woodman of the World Award" for proficiency in American History. In 1982 he was named "Outstanding JROTC Student" and won a trip to Tallahassee for writing an essay for the National Rural Electric Cooperative. Ron's future plans include college and a career as an engineer.

**Jeff Reed**

**Robin Reed** — FHA 11; PE Leadership 12.

**Lynn Reich** — Washington High 9-11; Cypress Lake High 11.

**RoseMarie Reid** — Spirit Club, Vice-President 9; Basketball 9; Softball 10; Flag Corps 11; PowderPuff Football 9, 10, 12; Executive Council 10-12; Miss United Teenager Pageant 12; DECA 11, 12, Reporter 11, Vice-President 12.

**Jodi Reigle** — Marching Band 9, 10; Concert Band 9, 10; German Club 10; Flag Corps 11; Rifle Line 12, Captain 12; Softball 12; Spanish Club 12; Executive Council 9-12.

**Ron Renfroe** — Key Club 9.

**Suzette Rensch** — FHA 11; Executive Council 12; ECC 12.

**Kim Rewis** — Spirit Club 9; PowderPuff Football 10; Executive Council 11, 12.

**Charles Rhoden** — Laurel High School, Laurel Hill, FL 9-11; JROTC 12.

**Kim Richards** — Spirit Club 9; Cheerleader 10-12; FHA 11.

**Debra Ripple** — Spirit Club 9; Spanish Club 10, 11; Executive Council 12; CBE/FBLA 12, Service Chairperson 12.

**Pam Ritter** — Swim Team 9; Executive Council 12; PowderPuff Football 12.

**John Rodgers** — Swim Team 9; VoTech 12.

**Teresa Roof** — Track 11, 12; Cross Country 11, 12; Volleyball 12; Rifle Corps 12; Spirit Club 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; CBE/FBLA 12, Avon Chairperson 12; SGA 12; FCA 11, 12; Executive Council 11, 12; Powder Puff Football 12; Tecumseh High, New Carlisle, Ohio 9, 10.

**David Rosario** — Thespians 10, 11; DCT 11, 12; PE Leadership 11.

**Brenda Rose** — Golf 10; Wrestling Cheerleader 11; FHA 11; JROTC 9-11.

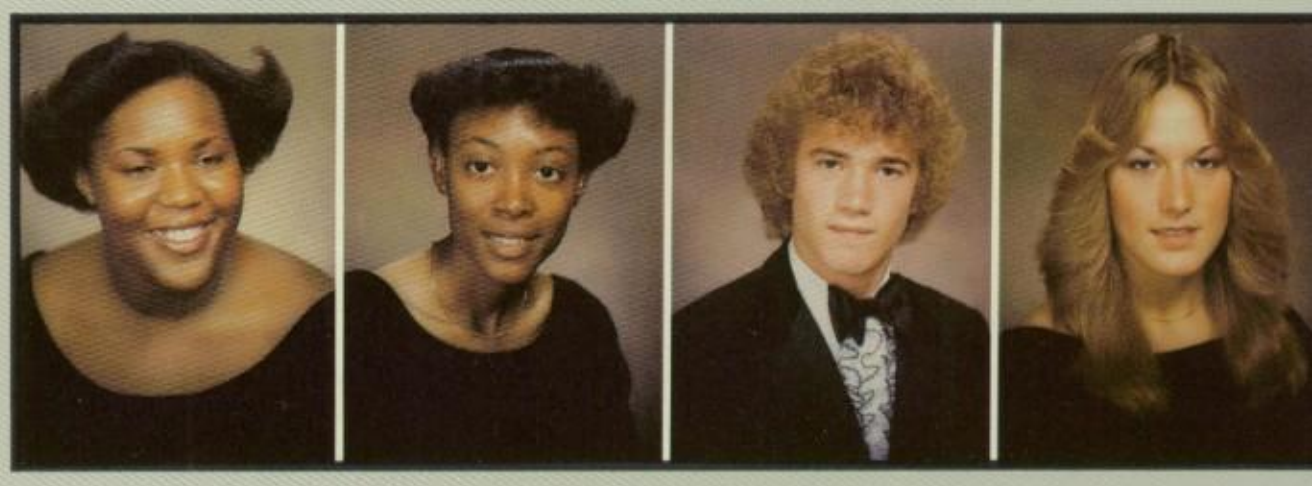
Miss Activity would be the perfect name for **Hall of Fame** member **Kim Kibler.** This bundle of energy has accumulated a list of "activity credits" hard to match.

As a freshman Kim joined SAC and SGA and played softball. Her sophomore year she served as Class Vice-President, was again a member of SGA and SAC, became a JV Cheerleader, and served as bat girl for the Red Knight Baseball Team. Then as a junior she really plunged into campus activities. Junior Class President, CBE/FBLA Historian, SGA, SAC, Wrestling Cheerleader, and Junior Representative on the Homecoming Court were but a few of the things she fitted into a heavy academic schedule.

Her senior year Kim accepted the office of SGA President and thus the responsibility of Homecoming '82. If that wasn't enough she served as Vice-President of CBE, remained in SAC and on the Senior Executive Council. Her classmates again placed her on the Homecoming Court.

Kim wants to continue her education in West Virginia or North Carolina. We can only hope she'll return to Lee County upon graduation as she will be missed.

Tammy Saucier | Maria Schoonover | Elaine Schulte | Rita Scott



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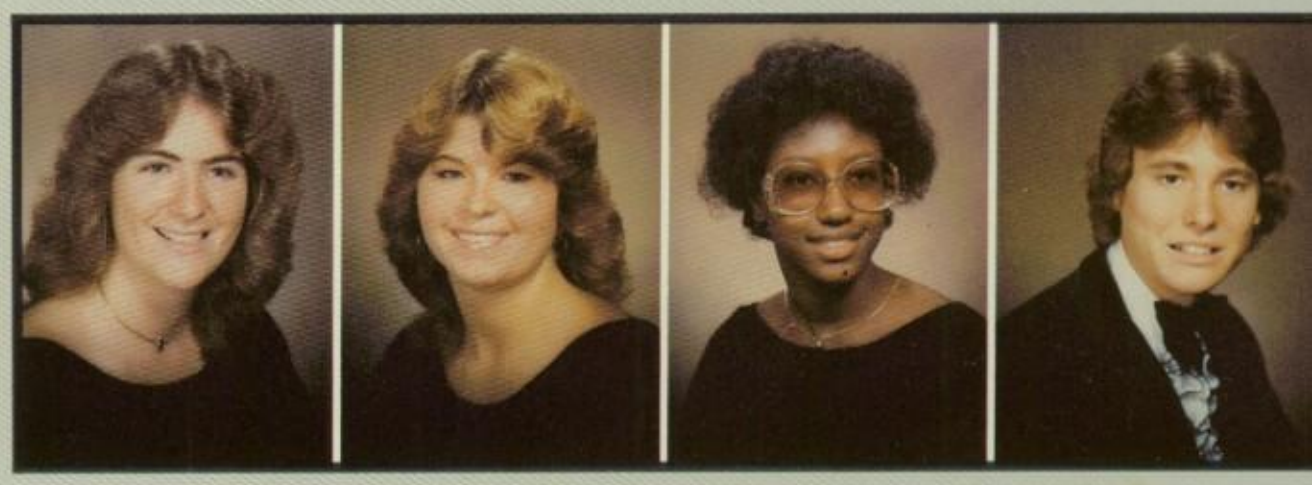


Debra Silvers | Denise Smith | Lizzie Smith | Robert Smith

Theresa Smith | Shawn Smitter | Karen Snodgrass | Scott Snyder

**Tammy Saucier** — FAP; Spanish Club 10-12; Spirit Club 10, 11; SGA 9-12; Forensics 11, 12, Vice-President 12; Executive Councils 9-12; Class Treasurer 11, 12; Greenpeace 10; Who's Who Among American High School Students.

**Maria Schoonover** — New Carlisle High 9; Walter E. Stebbans High 10; Chorus 11, 12, Secretary 12; Thespians 11, 12; Forensics 12.

**Elaine Schulte** — FAP; Executive Council 12; CBE/FBLA 12, Reporter 12.

**Rita Scott** — Spanish Club 9-11; SAC 10-12; SGA 9, 12; Homecoming Court 10; Executive Council 10-12; Class Secretary 10; Class Vice-President 11; Class President 12; PE Leadership 10, 11; Hall of Fame 12; FCA 12.

**Elease Scurry** — Chorus 9-12; Voice 9, 11, 12; YAC 9-12; FHA 11, 12; Executive Council 11, 12.

**Evelyn Sherod** — Ft. Myers High 9, 10; Basketball 12; Chorus 12.

**Bob Shreffler**

**Debbie Siltzer** — Band 9, 10; Swim Team 9-12; Executive Council 9.

**Debra Silvers** — FAP; Volleyball 9, 10; Spirit Club

**Denise Smith**

**Lizzie Smith** — Child Care 10.

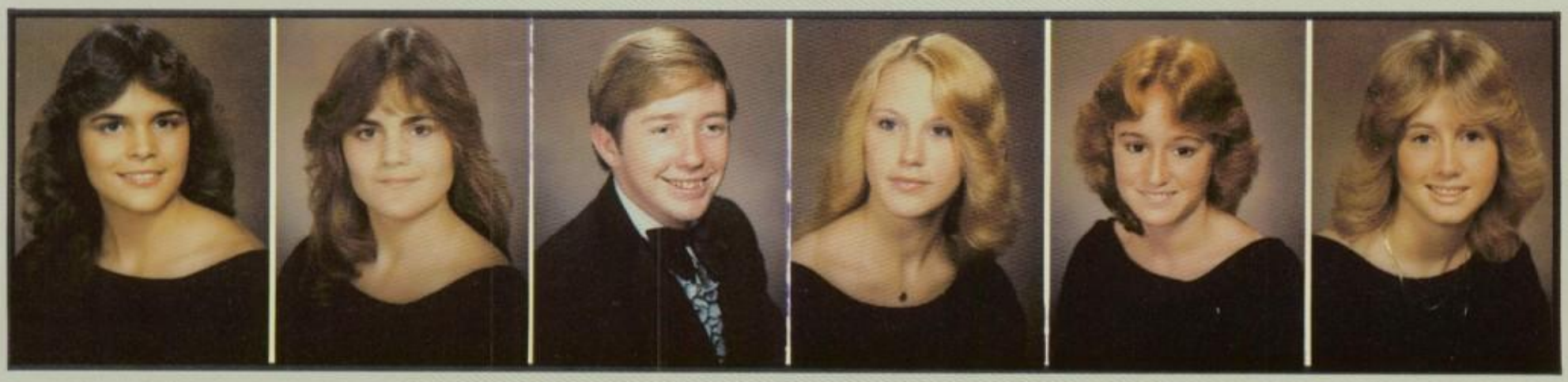
**Robert Smith**

**Theresa Smith** — DECA 11, 12.

**Shawn Smitter** — Swim Team 9-12; Wrestling 9, 1 12; Track 12; Executive Council 11.

**Karen Snodgrass** — Spirit Club 9, 12; Footb Manager 10; Greenpeace 10, 11, Treasurer 10; E ecutive Council 9-12; Spanish Club 11, 12.

**Scott Snyder** — DCT 12.



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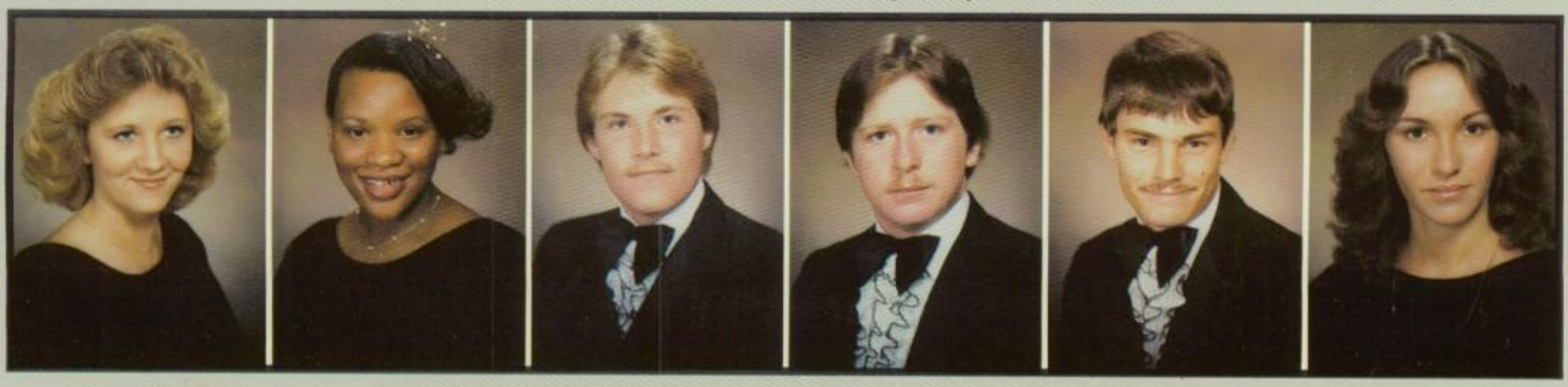


Eileen Teter | Javanda Thomas | Joe Thumm | Lawrence Tomlinson | Blaine Touchstone | Patty Trealout

Theresa Tyler | Ray VanRyckeghem | Angie Varner | Betty Volovlek | Calvin Walker | Kenneth Walker

**Doris Soler** — Executive Council 9, 10; Class Vice-President 9; Marching Band 9, 11; Symphonic Band 11; Cross Country 11; Basketball Cheerleader 11; PowderPuff Football 10; SGA 9.

**Maxine Soler** — FAP; SAP; Spanish Club 9, 10, 12; Greenpeace 10; Cross Country 10; Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10, 12; Executive Council 9; Drama 9.

**Chris Spillman** — Football 9; Basketball 10; FFA 11, 12.

**Celina Stanford** — Spirit Club 9; Football Manager 10; DECA 12.

**Clayton Stumpp** — Ridgewood High 9; Forensics 11, 12, President 12; **LANCE** 11; Quill and Scroll 11, 12, Vice-President 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; Executive Council 12.

**Sherri Lee Sullivan** — Cheerleader 9; YAC 12; Class President 9; Gymnastics 9; CBE/FBLA 11, 12, President 12, Parliamentary Team 11, 12; Homecoming Court 9.

**Scott Sushil** — Basketball 9; Baseball 9-12; Football 10; SAC 10-12; Interact 11, 12; PE Leadership 11; Homecoming Court 12.

**Robin Sylvester** — Marching Band 9, 10; Concert Band 9, 10; Executive Council 11, 12; DECA 11, 12, Recording Secretary 12.

**Kim Szasz** — Sheperhead Regional High, Dudley, Mass. 9-11.

**Patty Talley** — Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 9-12; Band Council 11; SGA 9-12; Executive Council 9-12; German Club 10-12; Thespians 11, 12; YAC 10.

**Michael Tam** — Basketball 10-12.

**David Tanner** — FFA 9-12.

**Eileen Teter** — German Club 10; Drama 11, 12; Thespian 11, 12.

**Javanda Thomas**

**Joe Thumm** — Football 10; Baseball 10.

**Lawrence Tomlinson**

**Blaine Touchstone** — FFA 9-12; DCT 11.

**Patty Trealout**

**Theresa Tyler** — FAP; German Club 10-12; German Exchange Program 10.

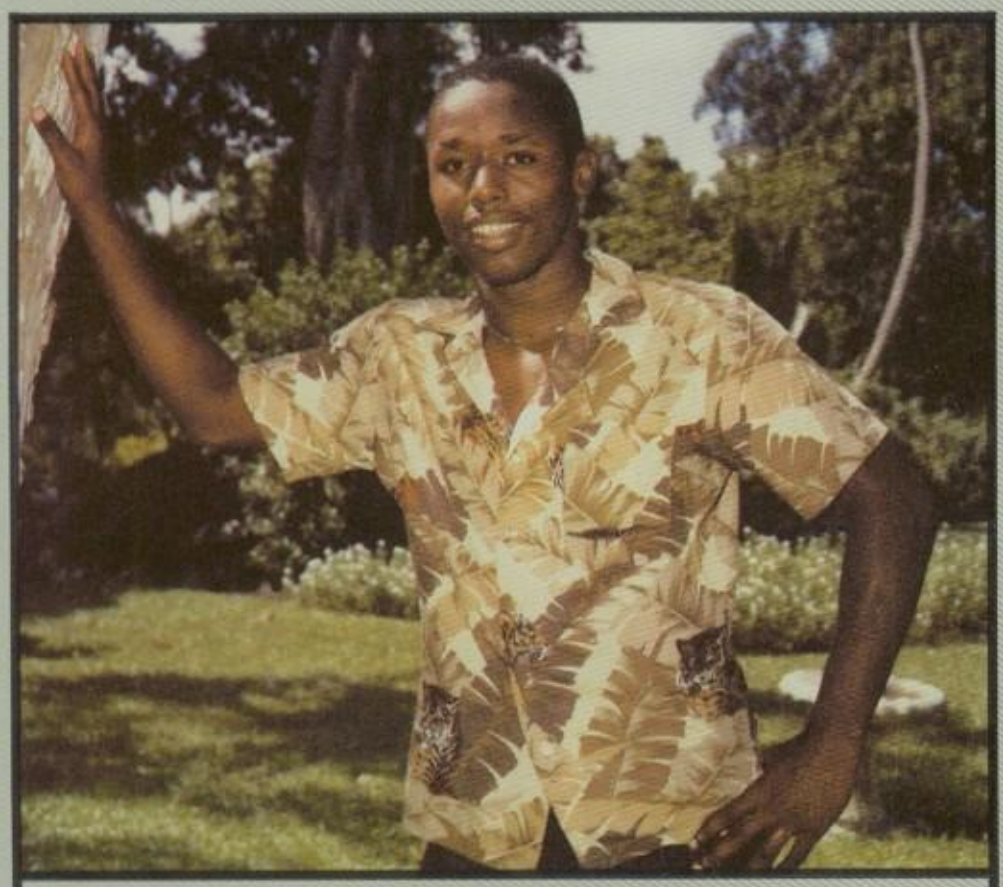
**Ray VanRyckeghem** — Executive Council 9, 10; Drama 10-12; Thespians 10-12; Who's Who Among American High School Students.

**Angela Varner — LANCE** 11; Drama 11; Forensics 11.

**Betty Volovlek**

**Calvin Walker** — Basketball 9; Football 9, 12; Track 9, 11.

**Kenneth Walker** — Football 10-12; Wvestling 10-12; JROTC 9, 11.

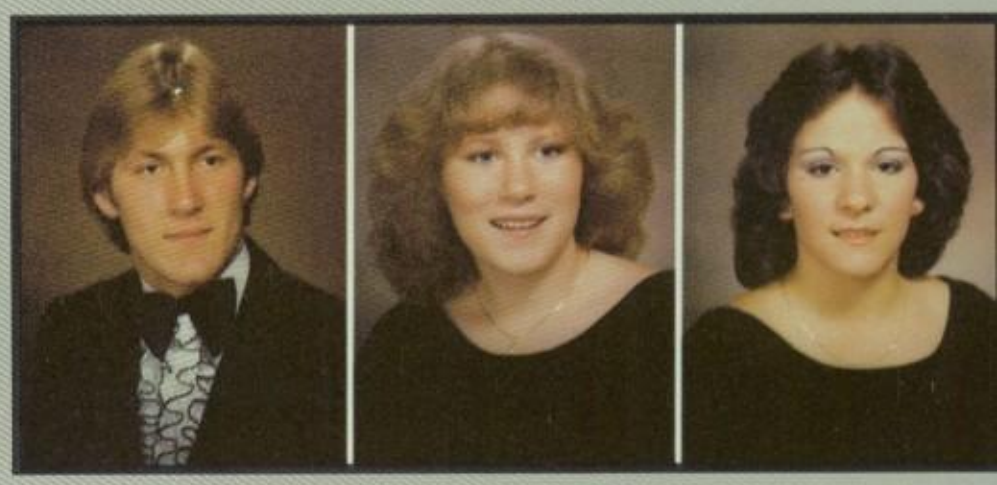


"Brains, athletic ability, and the right attitude . . . the answer to a coach's prayer." That describes **Warren Williams,** member of the Red Knight **Hall of Fame.**

Warren served as running back and a defensive linebacker on the varsity football team for three years, earning himself the Channel 20 "Athlete of the Week" Award, Southwest Florida Conference Honors, and membership on the Governor's Honor Council as one of the top 100 athletes in the state. His ability to spark the offense and play wide-awake defense helped North to a successful 1982 season. This ability in athletics carried over to the track where he was a valuable part of the 440 relay and sprint relay teams.

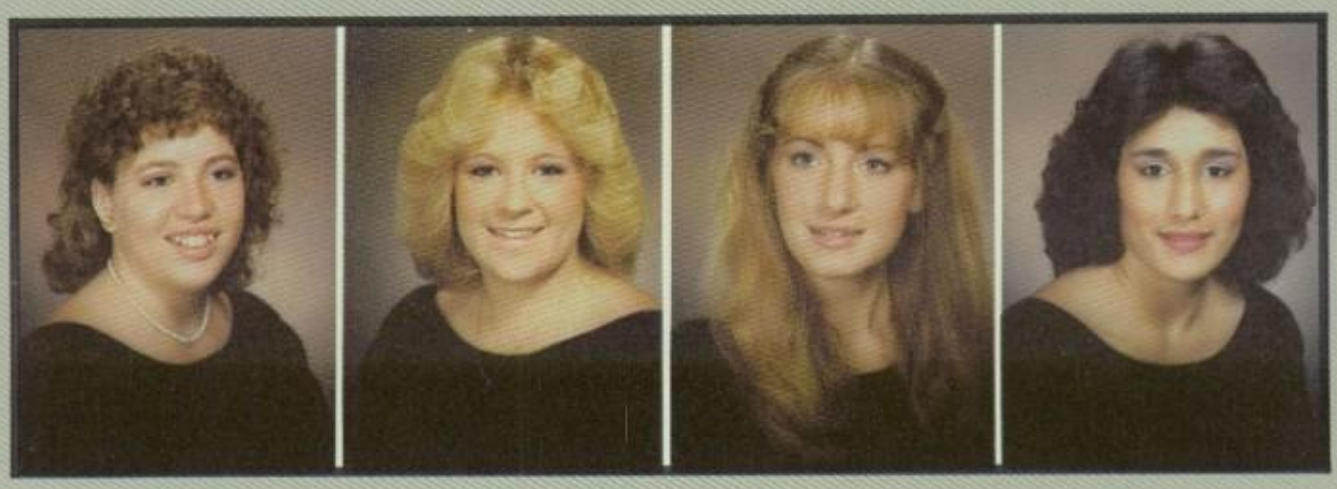
This competitive Knight spent his classtime at North building a strong base academically for his future plans of attending college on a football scholarship and majoring in Business Administration. He dreams of a career in the NFL but realizes this depends on his continued good health and a lot of good luck.

Jill Wallace | Michelle Waser | Carlis Wheeler



Richard Whitney | Michele Whitten | Angela Wille

Dan Williams | Warren Williams | Charlie Wise



Lisa Witte | Carol Worthington | Rean Yearton | Linda Yslas

**Jill Wallace** — FAP; Band 9; Greenpeace 10, 11; German Club 10, 11; Exchange Student Program 10; Executive Council 9-12; **LANCE** 11; Quill and Scroll 11, 12.

**Michelle Waser** — FAP; Marching Band 9-11; Symphonic Band 9-11; Executive Council 9-12; Knight Life 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Math Team 11.

**Carlis Wheeler** — Spirit Club 9; PowderPuff Football 10; Spirit Club 10; French Club 12.

**Richard Whitney** — FAP; Football 9-12, Captain 12; Homecoming Court 9; Executive Council 9, 10; Wrestling 9, 10; Track 11; German Club 10-12, Exchange Student Program 10; Marching Band 9.

**Michele Whitten** — Executive Council 11, 12.

**Angela Wille** — Spirit Club 9-12; FCA 12; FHA 12.

**Dan Williams** — Math Team 10-12.

**Warren Williams** — Basketball 10; Football 9-12; Track 11, 12; Hall of Fame 12.

**Charlie Wise**

**Lisa Witte** — Forensics 11; Who's Who Among American High School Students.

**Carol Worthington** — Spirit Club 9; JROTC 9-12; Chorus 11, 12.

**Rean Yearton**

**Linda Yslas**

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# Juniors . . .

are defined as those who are in a third year of an educational institution. One year away, a mere step from the long awaited title of "senior."

Why it only seemed like yesterday that as freshmen they walked onto North's campus, scared, excited, and full of questions. At times they wished they were back at the middle school; back to the normal routine instead of this new and unfamiliar place. Quickly though they adjusted and took their places as members of the Red Knight family. Class officers chosen to lead these infant Knights were President Steve Longbrake, Secretary Molly Brodeur, Treasurer Kim Whitney, and Class Coordinator Angelia Scurry. Class sponsors were Emelia O'Grady and Terry Andrews.

The freshman year passed swiftly and so did the summer. Suddenly this class found themselves in tenth grade, halfway through their high school education. North was familiar to them now. They had made many friends which helped to make school time pass quickly and the summertime arrive much faster. Their leaders their sophomore year were President Heidi Tietjen, Vice-President Kim Moody, Secretary Mandy Smith, Treasurer Tracy Cannon, Class Coordinator Steve Martin, and Sgt.-at-Arms Ray Garner, with Emelia O'Grady and Terry Andrews serving as sponsors again.

As juniors these Knights began to think and plan for their senior year. Occasionally they looked back and relived memories of the past two years at North, but their anticipation of the future and the enjoyment of the present were of the utmost importance. Most of them were finishing up required classes as eleventh graders and began to relax and anticipate reduced class loads or a schedule filled with electives. Junior Counselor Wayles Kimpland came to classes often attempting to help prepare students for their senior year and the future.

Leadership this year was provided by President Kim Moody, Vice-President Mark Bitter, Secretary Mandy Smith, Treasurer Darlene Williams, Class Coordinator Anita McLeod and Class Sponsors Emelia O'Grady and Marie Bitter.

As the year drew to a close appointment cards began arriving from the Bryn-Alan Studio to have official senior portraits taken. That fact added to the exciting Junior-Senior Prom, the arrival of the '83 LANCE, and the dreadful experience of final exams, made an important fact more evident. That only two summer months stood between them and the moment the Class of 1984 could boast "We're the Seniors of North Fort Myers High."

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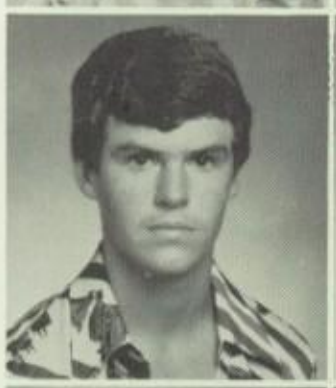
**1 — Junior Class Officers:** Secretary Mandy Smith, Vice-President Mark Bitter, Treasurer Darlene Williams, Class Coordinator Anita McLeod, President Kim Moody. **2 — Junior Executive Council: Front Row** — Darlene Williams, Anita McLeod, Kim Moody, Oui Hunter, Mark Bitter, Kenny Miller, Kim Whitney, Lori Lukitsch, Kim Tomlinson. **Second Row** — Sulyn Wenrich, Diane Lytle, Lisa Jones, Raedene Turco, Susan Rasbeck, Darlene Dials, Shawn Gurnham, Cathy Smith, Joyce Malone. **Back Row** — Marie Bitter, Sponsor, Toni Ponte, Shelley Lewis, Mandy Smith, Sharon Hadsock, Joy Wagener, Betsy Coffin, Emilia O'Grady, Sponsor.

Jody Alvarez
Dennis Anderson
Ronnie Anderson
Amy Austin
Susan Baker

Joey Barley
Ellis Baumer
Mark Beattie
David Bechtol
Tonya Becker



Kathleen Beebe
Mathew Bender
Mark Beigh
Donna Bennett
Mark Bitter

Cathy Boring
Trent Bowers
Susan Brady
Paula Branch
Diane Brazill

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**1** — After many hours of diligent work, the Juniors' representation of the "Eye of the Knight" theme won them a second place award. **2** — Taking a chance at showing their acting abilities, Darlene Dials, Chris Trammell, April Brown, and Kim Moody captured a third place win for the Juniors in skit competition during Homecoming '82.

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Kelly Bright
Regina Brightbill
Molly Brodeur
Vicki Brooks
April Brown

Billy Brown
Bonnie Brown
Luvenia Brown
Ray Brown
Dawn Broxterman

Arthur Burge
Karen Burkett
Ray Butler
Freddie Caison
Delisa Carter

Cindy Clark
Billy Clifford
Kim Clouse
Sue Clouse
Darrell Cobb

# Time Out for Spirit

Many hours of planning and hard work went into the Junior Class' window painting and parade entries during Homecoming '82. These projects kept 11th grade Knights busy after school and long into the evening.

Their window painting was proudly displayed to passing members of the community on the outer library doors. It depicted a Naples' Eagle trying to escape with the "Eye of the Knight" while our traditional silver clad Red Knight rushed in to do battle. Juniors captured the second place award for their artistic endeavor.

The upcoming gridiron Homecoming encounter was used as the theme for the Juniors' entry into the float division of the Homecoming Parade. Lori Dill and Marie Smith portrayed the Eagle and the Red Knight locked in mortal combat, with the Knight naturally emerging triumphant.

Juniors were equally proud during the Homecoming parade of their representatives on the '82 Homecoming Court, Joe Flinn, Sharon Hadsock, Kenny Miller, and Kim Simons. Riding on the Court float they waved to their host of admirers and classmates along the parade route and in the stands at the stadium.

The class of 1984 displayed their acting abilities when they performed their Homecoming skit on Friday during the pep rally. Members of the Junior Executive Council presented their "act" which received a third place award. In this humorous skit "The Eye of the Knight" had been stolen by the evil Naples Eagles, but of course, after a long and hard fight, it was retrieved by the victorious Knights. Kim Moody, Junior Class President, and other Junior Executive Council members, Darlene Dials, Chris Trammell, April Brown, Ellis Baumer, Rose Ann Ulino, and Marie Smith were the actors and actresses in the show.

During Field Day Juniors were kept busy selling Pepsi and participating in all the games and contests. The Junior Powder Puff Team played two outstanding quarters of tag football, beating first the Seniors 12-6 and then the Sophomores, 13-0. Teamwork, determination, and terrific coaching by John Pate gave these 11th grade ladies the edge they needed to be proclaimed Powder Puff Champions.

**1** — Junior center Chris Trammell got ready to hike the ball and enable her teammates to score another first down. The front line, composed of Lori Dill, Shannon McIntosh, April Brown, Forshunder Ward, and Kim Smith, was set for the action. **2** — With her sword raised high, Red Knight Marie Smith conquered the Naples Eagle portrayed by Lori Dill. **3** — Showing spirit while partaking in a designated dress-up day was an annual tradition for the Knights. Unique and exotic personalities were expressed during Homecoming Week by Mandy Smith, Kim Moody, Shelley Gartner, Debbie Bradley, Molly Brodeur, and Shelley Lewis.

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Mark Coe

Betsy Coffin

Jerry Cohen

Terri Cole

Toni Cole

Jackie Collington

Thomas Collingwood

Laurie Coman

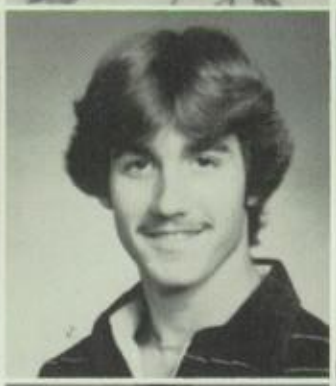
Brenda Conley

Larry Connors

Joel Corbin

Janis Cottrill

Acee Couch



Manuel Cox

John Crawford

Julie Crocker

Zetha Crummell

John Cummings

Jim Dahlberg

Bob Davis

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Cindy Davis
Paul Davis
Traci Davis
James Delaine
Kevin Delargy

Timothy Deno
Toni DeVito
Darlene Dials
Gary Dickey
Lori Dill

Stephanie Dodd
Franklin Driskell
Jeannine Dugan
Jackie Dunsmore
Michael Edwards

Larry Ennis
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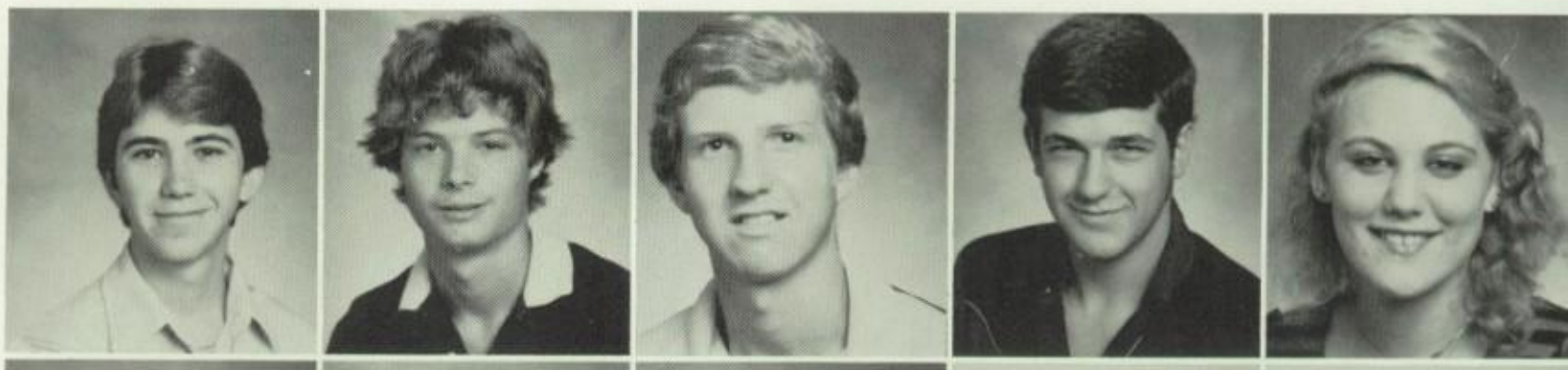
Beverly Ervin
Vinita Fine
Joe Flinn

Joe Fortini
Robert Frank
Barry Frey
Jeffrey Gage
Denise Gallagher



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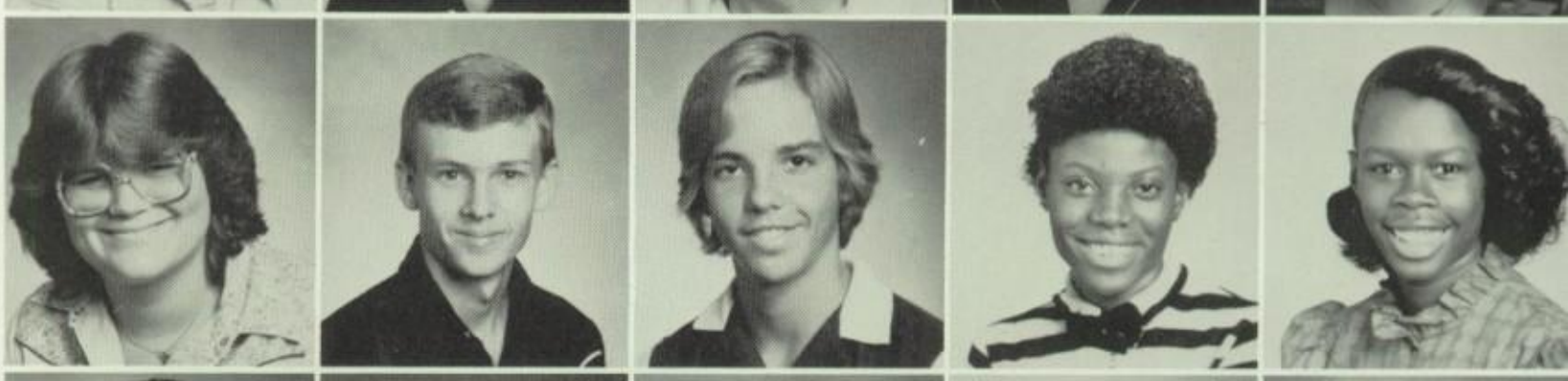
Darin Gardner
Chris Garrow
Angela Gibbons
Shavon Golden



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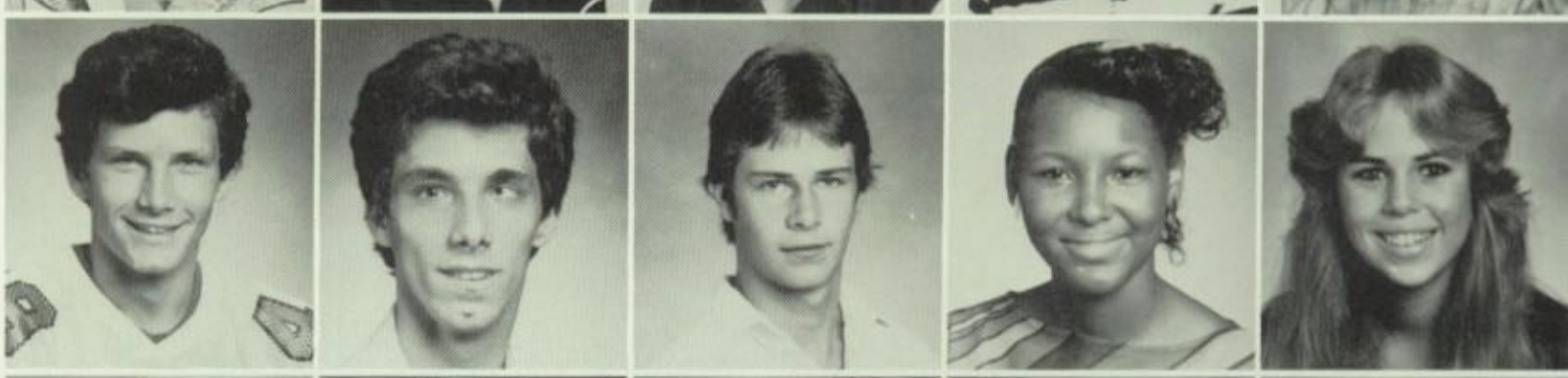
Richard Graham
Matt Grant
Charlotte Green
Chris Griffin



Beverly Griffith
Randy Grise
Shawn Gurnham
Sharon Hadsock
Monica Haggard

# A Step Into Real Life

Money for this, money for that . . . It seemed that to have any kind of pleasure and enjoyment it took money. For the average high school student that money often came from parents. With a depressed economy, more and more parents found their bank accounts strained to the utmost and teens found an increasing number of negative answers to their financial requests. This led many students to seek a new way to secure money, they had to get a JOB.

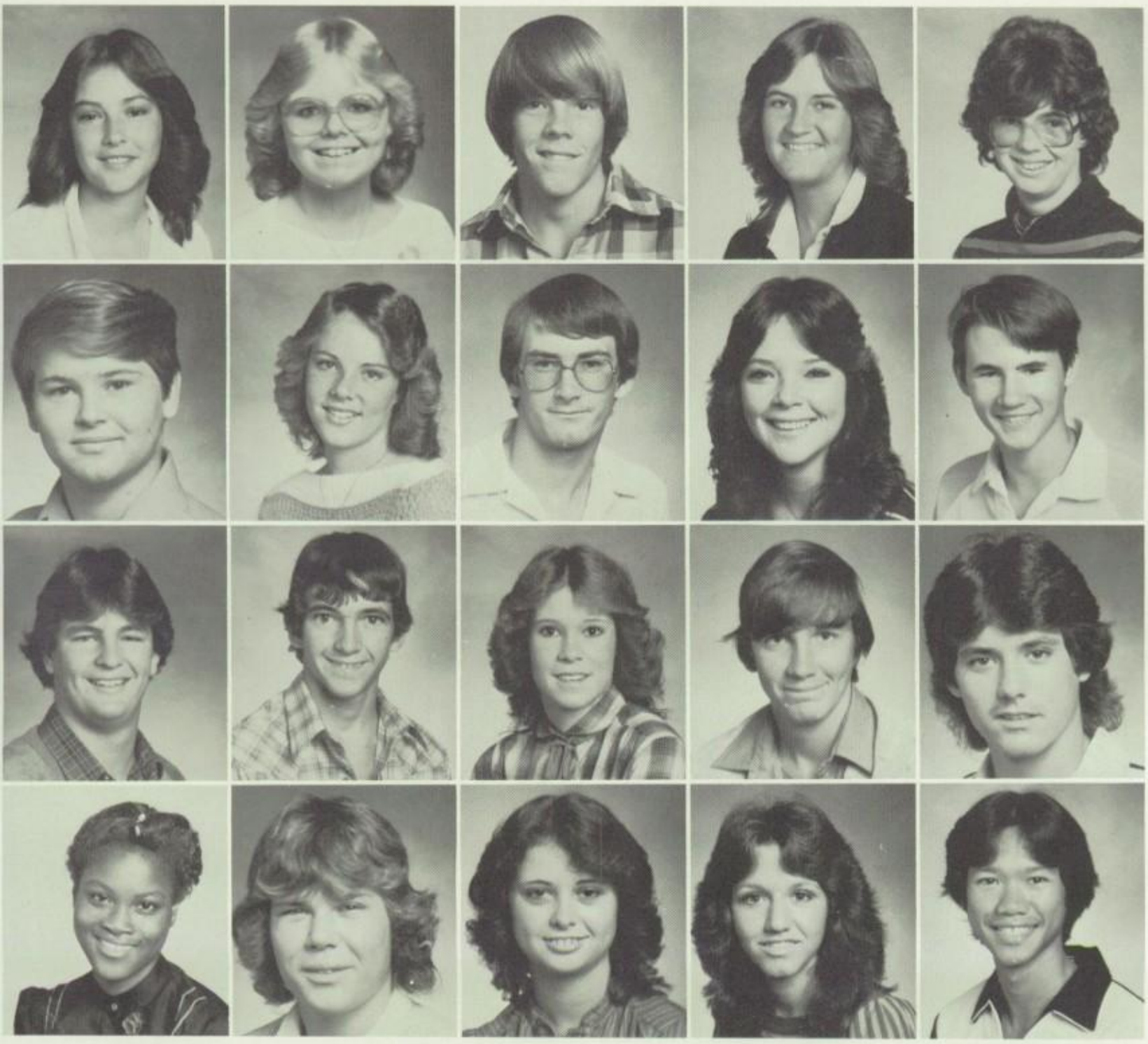
Finding a job wasn't that easy. Transportation problems, class schedules, and family commitments often worked against the aspiring job-seeker. Business owners wanted experienced workers and although these "would be apprentices" were willing to learn, they had never earned a pay check.

Local fast food restaurants, grocery chains, and variety stores offered the best opportunities for student employment. Often it took three or four different trips to an establishment before an interview was granted.

Three groups at North worked hard to help students master job skills and gain employment. Two of these were the Business Department and Cooperative Business Department, whose curriculum offerings combined class instruction and on-the-job training, thus allowing a student to earn graduation credit and a paycheck simultaneously.

Community and business leaders often contacted the Occupational Specialists at North with notices of job opportunities. A student with a "job need" could often find the right "prescription" by visiting the offices of Mrs. Nancy DeShazo and Ms. Terry Wieland.

When students finally landed that important "JOB" they found it created new problems. A work schedule was never entirely convenient and often took hours away from the student's "R and R" time. Lost sleep, missed school activities, and overdue homework assignments all seemed worthwhile though with a few green bills in the wallet and change jingling in jeans pockets.

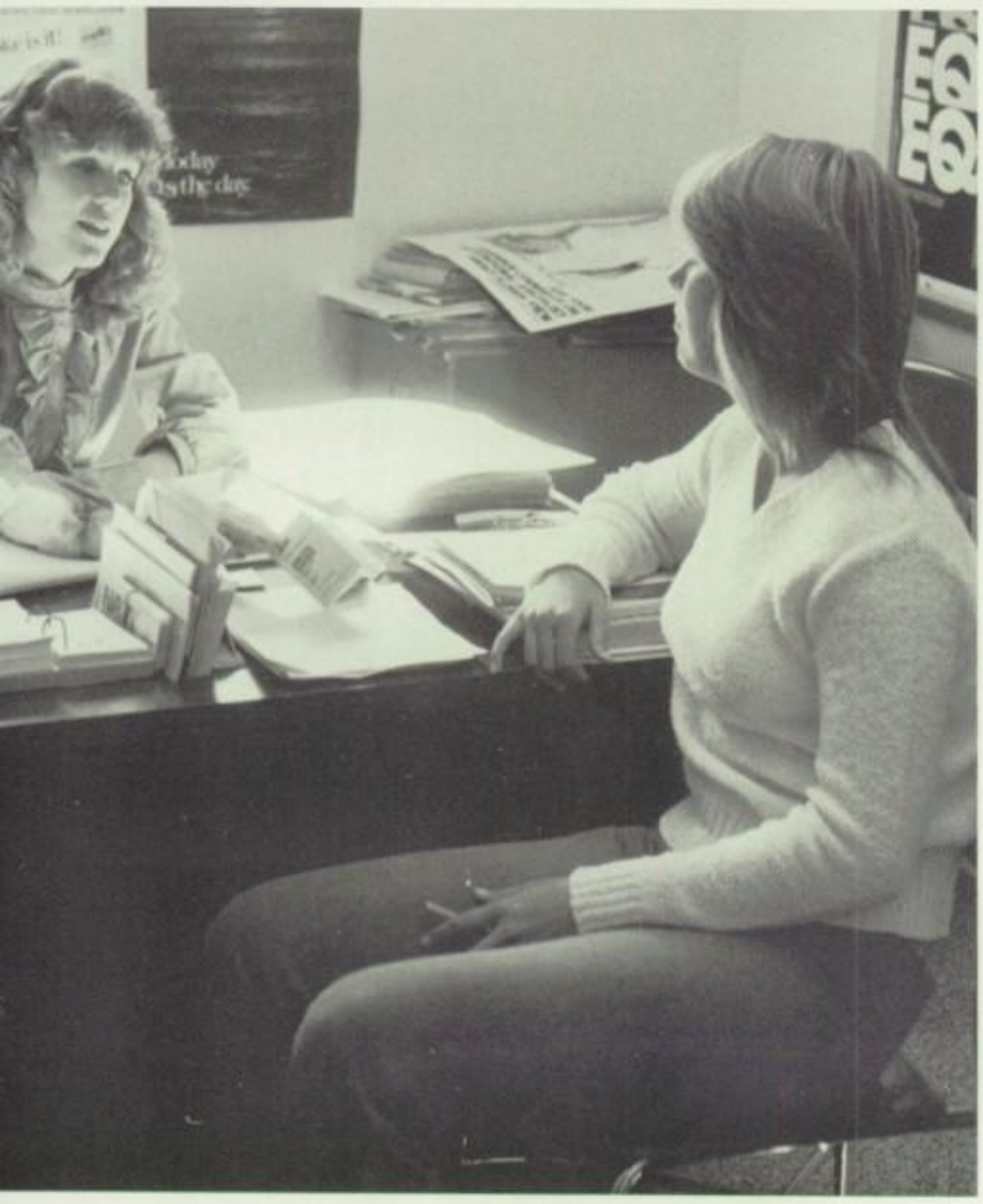


Becky Jo Haller
Bev Hames
Robert Hammesfahr
Teresa Hanson
Carol Harbert

Thomas Hardy
Sandy Hassenzahl
Dale Heinkel
Brenda Hickman
John Hills

Kevin Holley
Del Holloway
Nancy Horstman
Neal Hovis
Steve Hudson

Cheryl Hughes
Todd Hughes
Wende Hughes
Randi Hughett
Oui Hunter



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**1** — North High Occupational Specialist Terry Wieland and Sharlene Whidden discussed Sharlene's upcoming job interview at the Tropic Palm Restaurant. **2** — Sharlene filled out the job application form with the help of the head cashier at the popular North Fort Myers eatery.

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**1** — The front tag proclaimed the status of the owner's love life, while the word across the windshield clearly identified what type of Ford was being driven. **2** — The owner of this GMC pick-up in the student parking lot at North High had definite tastes in radio stations, political candidates, and the "Rebel" South.

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Kathy Hupp
Melvin Idlette
Lisa Irizarry
Dawn Jackson
Regina Jencks

Richard Jencks
Alphonzo Jenkins
Keith Jerz
Audrey Johnson
Jerry Johnson

Kenneth Johnson
Michelle Johnson
Leah Johnston
Allyson Jones
Leon Jones

Lisa Jones
Melanie Joslin
John Kanell
Kaylene Kannus
Debra Kea

# Tell-Tale Tags

Bumper stickers and name tags were familiar sights among the cars in North High's parking lots. They proclaimed preferences in everything from radio stations to political candidates, from amusement attractions to the big love affair in one 's life.

Many bumper stickers were primarily advertisements. They were intended to influence or advise those in following vehicles of the merits of some product, person, place, or belief. The colors were dazzling and the messages often caught the imagination with a play on words or a clever rhyme.

Two popular bumper stickers around North were the one stating "I Love the Knights" sold by the Junior Class and the one proclaiming "I support the Red Knight Band." Both were adorned with a Knight and done in the traditional red and white.

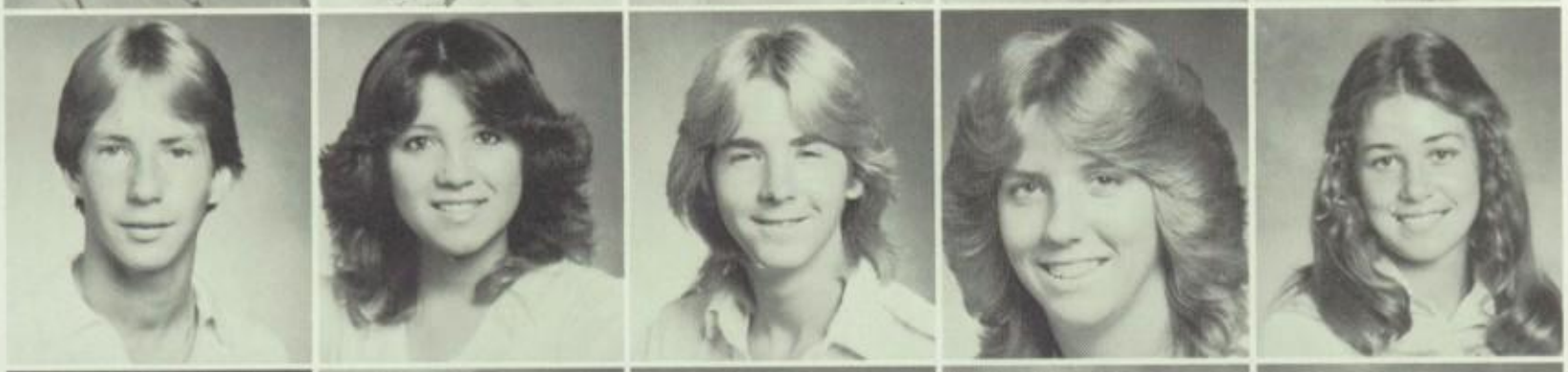
Name tags flourished in front license plate holders. They heralded one's first name, last name, nickname, year of graduation, or the names of two people who were dating. They too suggested "advertisement" but of a more personal nature.

Rising popularity of the name tags kept local sign shops busy creating just that certain plate. Prices ranged from $10.00 to $25.00 depending on materials and colors used and length of message to be stated.

Lance Adviser Mrs. Virginia Branston had an ideal name tag situation. Her nickname "Ginnie" adorned the front of the car, while her last name "Branson" was used as her license plate number on the rear. "That way I can always find my car," she stated. "It's completely personalized."

Some people, especially florists, thought the ideal way to say things was with flowers. Red Knights found they could say it all with name tags and bumper stickers.

Angi Kelly
Margie Kinchen
Karen King
Greg Kirby
Jennifer Kniestedt



James Kuehn
Lisa Lawton
Douglas Lemke
Tammy Lentz
Shelly Lewis

Chuck Lindenmuth
Lisa Long
Steve Longbrake
Lori Lukitsch
Diane Lytle

Eugene Major
James Major
Theresa Major
Joyce Malone
Mike Maloy

Bill Mann
David Markovits
Steve Martin
Rhonda Mason
Willie Matheny

Dale Mathewson
Paul McDonald
Shannon McIntosh
Shaun McKeeman
Anita McLeod

Gene McMullen
Crystal McNally
Michelle Mease
Tony Mellema
Susan Meyerson

Chester Miller
Kenny Miller
Sheryl Miller
Kim Moody
Colleen Moore

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**1** — Mr. John Yoemans confiscated a note Greg Neuville received from a "special friend." **2** — After Lynn Rhodes jotted a few lines off to Jodi Morrison, she used the "backward-overhand pass" for delivery.

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Fred Moore
Juanita Morgan
Nancy Morris
Renee Murphy
Dorind Murry

Robert Nein
Susan Nein
Jennifer Nicks
James Nolan
Jeff Norton

Russ Nyberg
Todd Oliver
Robert Onson
Robin Oropallo
Aleen Orstrom

Scott Ower
Susan Panrell
Marion Parker
George Parze
Debbie Pautz

# Psst . . . Pass It Down

*Hi!*

*How ya doing? Me? I'm just fine. So how did your date go Friday night? Mine was great! I'll fill you in on the details later and you can tell me about yours. Right now I'm sitting in class . . . supposed to be taking notes . . . very boring. Well, I gotta go.*

*See you in 6th period.*

*Beth*

In an effort to overcome the boredom experienced in some classes, students at North High often resorted to writing and passing notes. It was an easy way to communicate with others and often the only way to stay awake in class. Notes also proved to be a good way to catch up on the latest gossip or to plan a weekend's activities.

There were many different types of notes or letters Knights "sent." The one that simply said, "Hello — I'm thinking about you — Good-bye" or the longer ones saying "let me tell you my life story." There were also the "you make me sick" ones or the emotional "thanks for being here and thanks for being my friend" ones. Declarations of love, invitations, and just "did you know" notes were passed with an astounding regularity.

Writing the note was the easy part but passing them took practice and cunning. Simply handing a note to a friend between classes presented no challenge, but how to get it across the classroom under the watchful eye of the instructor was a daring undertaking.

Passing notes down aisles, slipping them through cracks in doors, hiding them in lockers or secret nooks, concealing them in exchanged textbooks, or using a third person as mailman were all techniques utilized by the North student. They even used their toes or a loose sole of their shoe as a conveyor for their epistle.

The main point in classroom note passing was not getting caught. A dropped pen, pencil, or book, a sudden sneeze or cough, a loud stretch and yawn, or a secret knock on a desk top might attract the attention of the note's intended recipient but could also alert the teacher. Each teacher handled note passing differently. Some chose to ignore it; others confiscated the communication and ripped it up or read it aloud, hoping to shame both the writer and the intended receiver.

Man's basic need to communicate; to share his happiness and to find comfort when unhappy kept the "art of note writing and passing" alive and well at North High. Pens raised, paper available, Knights wrote . . .

*Hi!*

*Just sitting in class, thinking about . . .*

**1** — Like any young married, Tammy Sawyer Strammel had to practice writing her new legal name. **2** — After a hard day of classes newlyweds Kaylene Kannus Clevenger and Jackie Brundage Collington stopped by Winn Dixie to pick up a few groceries for supper.

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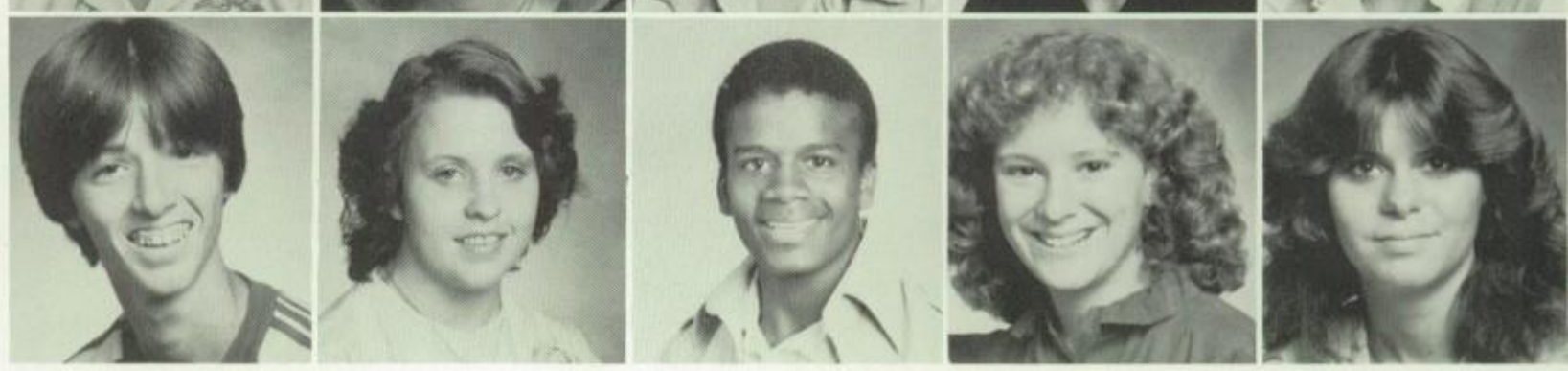
Tracey Peacock
Susy Peckham
Monica Peters
Debbie Pierce
David Poling

Toni Ponte
Kathy Prickett
Scott Puett
Susan Rasbeck
Richard Ratliff

Terrance Reed
Kristi Rice
Gary Richardson
Michael Rickard
Dorothy Roberts

Ralph Roberts
Gina Robertson
Bryant Rowland
Fran Rubinstein
Kim Rutherford



# With This Ring, I Thee Wed

Many years ago if a high school student got married that was the end of their public school education, but times and the law have changed. The value of education and the right to an education whether a person is married or single are the same.

Teen-age marriages are not all that unusual, love doesn't seem to know an age barrier when it bursts into bloom in a person's life. At North High there are several students who have already taken this major step, and now are working to successfully combine student, marriage, and sometimes even parental responsibilities.

Sociologists and psychologists continue to worry that in our complex society with a sluggish economy and continually increasing divorce rate that teen-age marriages have little chance of surviving. They stress how important it is for the two young people to realize the problems that lie ahead, discuss responsibilities, budget their finances, share household chores, and respect each other's individuality.

Most of North's young marrieds are female students. Their husbands spend their days at work, were in the armed services, or attended ECC. Unanimously they said they were happy with their decision to marry and then to continue to come to school. Their completing high school and receiving a diploma was of great importance to both their husbands and themselves.

Some young marrieds were forced to live with parents until both of them were through school and able to secure full-time employment. There were naturally disadvantages to this arrangement, but it sure helped when the homework piled up or during exam time to have someone else who would help with menu planning, shopping, cleaning, and laundry.

Others carried the full homemaker-student load on their shoulders, having to get up early to make breakfast, or pack lunches or make beds before rushing to school for the 7:30 a.m. homeroom bell. Then on the way home it was often necessary to do the grocery shopping or take care of the laundry or other household chores. More than one homework assignment was completed at the local laundromat or a speech practiced while pushing the vacuum around a room; and more than one shopping list was compiled during class while other students wrote notes or gossiped about their weekend activities.

Being successfully married has always been a full time job, but the North students who took an early plunge into the matrimonial sea said it can be combined with school . . . if you are willing to work at both 24 hours a day.

Timothy Sands
Kenneth Sapp
Fred Satchel
Donna Schoneman
Cliff Sheehan

Laurie Sheets
Dan Silverthorn
Kim Simons
Amanda Smith
Carl Smith

Catherine Smith
Kim Smith
Marie Smith
Tammy Smith
Sean St. Amand

Lisa Stanaland
Tim Sushil
Ann Sykes
Brenda Takach
Charlotte Taylor

# Whose Got the Alibi?

"Where were you yesterday?"

That familiar phrase was asked daily by teachers. Many students found themselves searching for a reasonable explanation at least sometime or other during their four years at North High School.

Some students couldn't resist the temptation of skipping a whole day or at least one class sometime during the school year. If you took off a whole day a note from home with parent or guardian's signature (often a forged facsimile) was enough to get you the white excused absence readmittance slip. Excuses for a one period absence proved harder to obtain during the 1982-83 school year.

No longer could a pass from that favorite teacher or a secretary or a well-rehearsed explanation gain you late entry into class or get an absence overlooked. A new school policy required every pass to be counter-signed by an administrator.

This didn't stop the most dedicated class skippers from attempting to "test the system." The temptation of hanging around in the halls talking to friends or going off campus for lunch was often more than the student could resist. Leaving campus was a serious offense but the lure of Wendy's, McDonald's, Burger King, Hardee's, Dino's, Long John Silvers, Jose's and Jreck Sub's often seemed worth the risk.

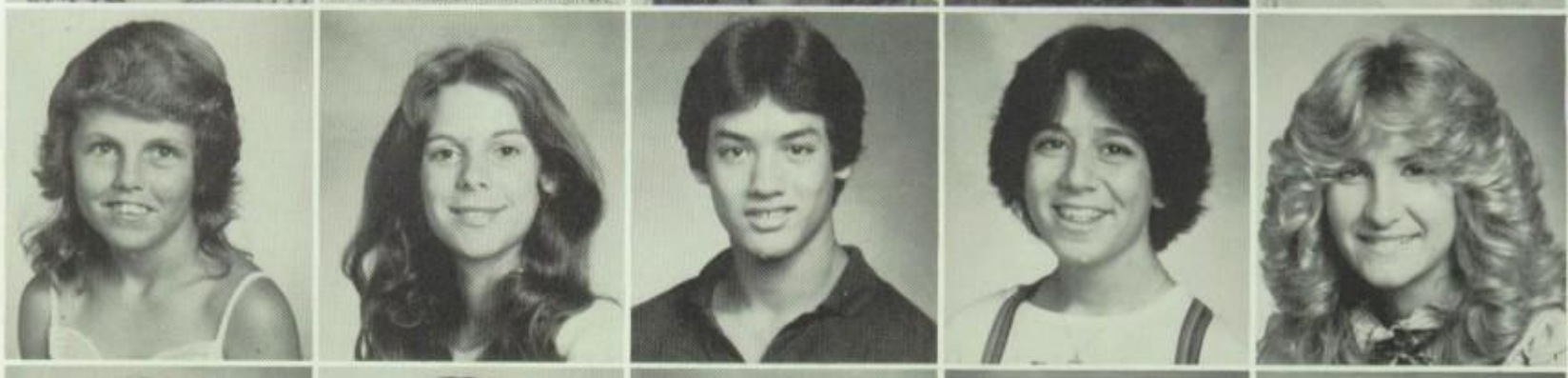
Mr. Don Plunkett, North's version of a prison guard, stood watch over the student parking lot gate most of the day, but particularly during the 4th period lunch shifts. If he caught students committing unauthorized departures or arrivals they were immediately escorted to one of the deans. There after a phone call to your parents, swats or detention time was meted out to enforce school policy.

Administrators knew they couldn't stop all A.W.O.L. cases, but as Mr. Bob Trombetti, Dean of Students, remarked, "We may not eliminate class and school skipping but we try to control it. If we catch you, you're in hot water!"

Misty Tharp
Jenny Thomas
Mike Thomas
Wendy Tillery
Christine Tillie

Kim Tomlinson
Sue Torvinen
Chris Trammell
Raedene Turco
Rose Ann Ulino

Joyce Vathis
Sally Vaughn
Brian Visser
Pam Volk
Joy Wagener



Phil Wagner
Linda Walker
Tina Walker
Traci Walter
Darla Waltman

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**1** — "Skoal Brothers", Gary Richardson, Shannon Lee, and Tony Land skipped class to sneak off for a quick chew. **2** — While trying to get off campus for lunch, Bill Mann got stopped by security guard Don Plunkett and tried to explain his early departure.

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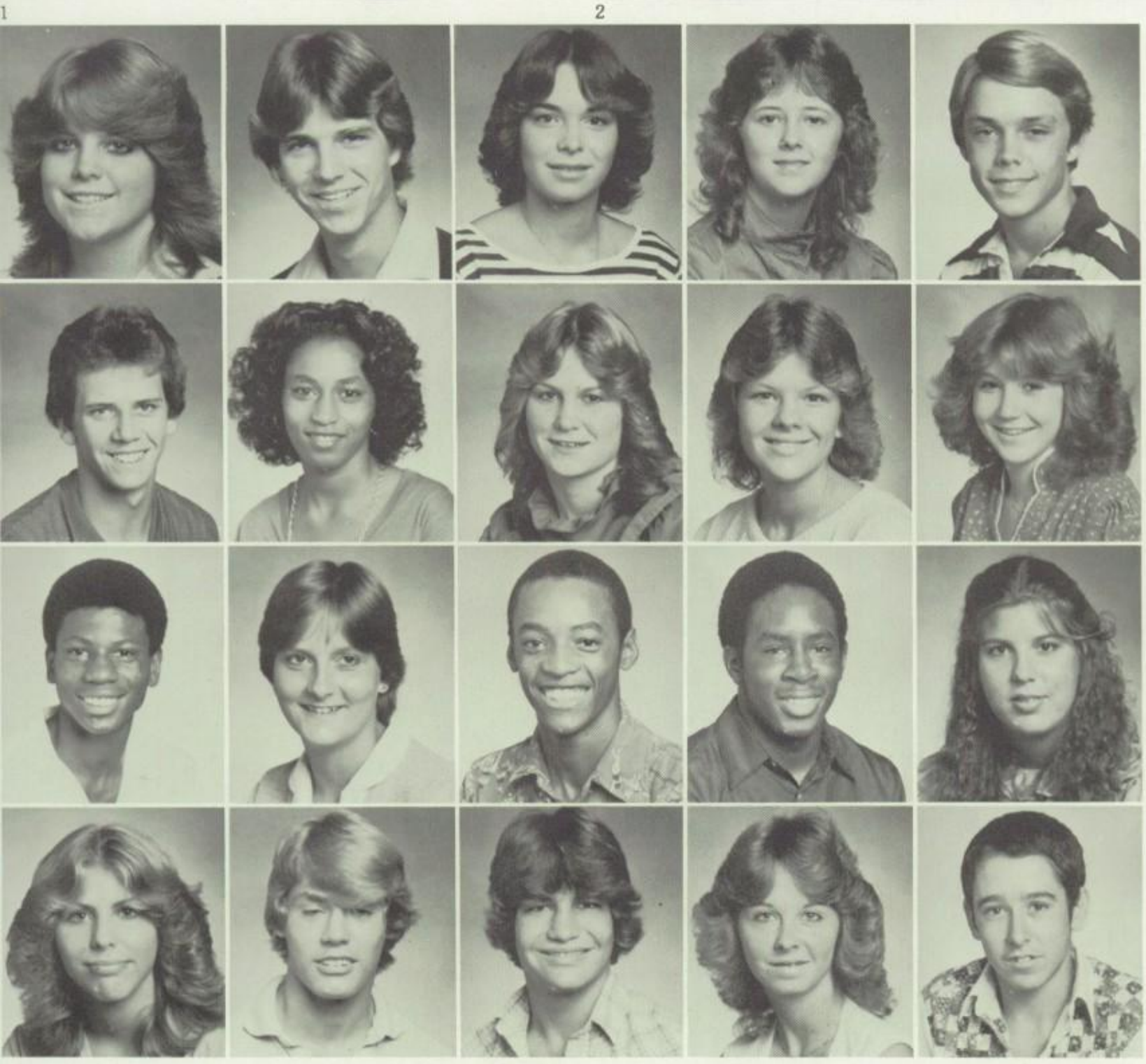

Michelle Ward
Jay Weast
Rhonda Weber
Sulyn Wenrich
Mark Westra

Bruce Whitaker
Lavette Whitfield
Kim Whitney
Jennae Wierengo
Deanna Willard

Bobby Williams
Darlene Williams
Edward Williams
Joe Williams III
Paula Wilson

Carolyn Winegardner
Chuck Woods
Greg Yeater
Tammie Youmans
Aulda Young

# Sophomores . . .

were continually working hard and enjoying it. The Class of 1985 was energetically led by President Kallyn Harmon and were ambitious, determined, go-getters who participated in either social or fund raising activities with an equal amount of enthusiasm and spirit.

The other officers, Vice-President Cindy Weber, Secretary Lisa Adams, Treasurer Robyn Makar, and Class Coordinator Jamie Black joined President Harmon in exhibiting exceptional leadership to the Executive Council. This cohesive under the direction of Class Sponsor Lynne McDill, was responsible for the planning and coordination of all sophomore activities.

With one year under their belts, the tenth graders felt more at ease during school pep rallies and Homecoming week activities. It was no longer difficult to get the entire class involved in screaming their pride in themselves and the athletic teams ready to do battle on the gridiron, court, or other sport areas for North Fort Myers High.

Fund raising activities moved more smoothly during 1982-83 for these seasoned salespeople. They had no trouble persuading their fellow Knights to purchase cowbells during the football season, balloons during special events, Pepsi during Homecoming Field Day, Mistletoe Grams during the Christmas season, and baked goods during before-homeroom sales. They realized profits were important as they had to finance their own yearly expenses and start to build a nest egg for the 1984 Junior-Senior Prom, that was their responsibility to stage.

The Class of 1985 was well on its way. A group to be reckoned with; one that all Knights could look to with pride.

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**1 — Sophomore Class Officers: Front Row —** Treasurer Robyn Maker, Secretary Lisa Adams. **Back Row —** Vice-President Cindy Weber, President Kallyn Harmon, Class Coordinator Jamie Black. **2 — Sophomore Executive Council: Front Row —** Lori Pastirik, Carol Petry, Lisa Adams, Lisa Garrett, Kyna Lister, Amy Juliano, Heidi Williams, Cindy Esquivel, Kathy Kuhs. **Second Row —** Jeanette Dials, Tami Zambito, Robyn Maker, Cindy Summerall, Carla Davis, Michele Olson, Stacy Williams. **Third Row —** Jamie Black, Febra Scudder, Kim Culver, Sherry Woods, Donna Wilson, Toni Giffin, Dianna Heinkel, Cindy Weber, Lisa Waser, Lynn Truskey, Beth Gurnham, Vicki Cooley, Jackie White, Shezel Putmon, Carla Palmer, Kim Adams, Kallyn Harmon, Mrs. Lynne McDill. **Back Row —** Angela Morrison, Randy Wyatt, Chris Beckos, Lori Hayworth, Tracy Jordan, Dawn Morrison, Susan Smith, Lori Harper, Amy Pulsifer, Tami Miller, Michele McNeill, Jodi Johnson, Anna Jones, Connie Burke. **3 —** The Class of 1985 clearly identified themselves at pep rallies.

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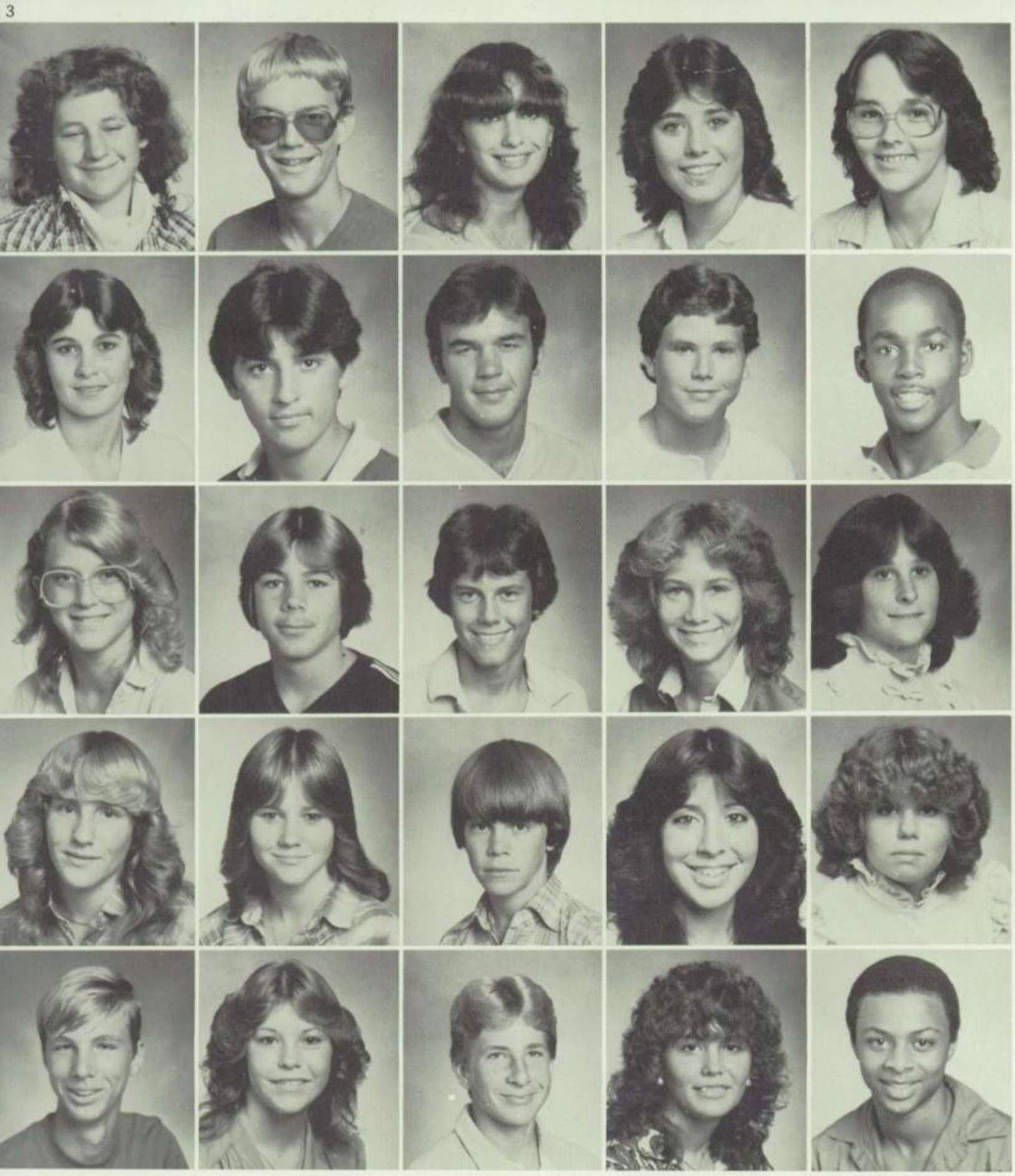

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Brian Aalto
Melanie Ackerman
Kim Adams
Lisa Adams

Nina Adams
Ben Adkison
James Albritton
Jackson Amerson
Jerry Ashley

Amy Ashton
Steven Asselin
Billy Atkins
Julie Barber
Linda Barksdale

Michelle Barnhill
Cheryl Bauchert
Jimmy Bayliss
Chris Beckos
Renee Belongia

David Billings
Vicky Bishop
Glenn Bitter
Jamie Black
Ralph Black

Grant Bohanon
Candy Boring
Annie Bostic
Richard Bowker
Robyn Bowker

Marc Boyden
Greg Boyette
Nathanial Brand
Kelly Bridges
Tina Brooks

Gary Brown
JoAnn Brown
Marian Brown
Tarsha Brown
Tammy Broxterman

Blake Bryant
Michele Buckhanan
Susan Burford
Connie Burke
Karen Bussey

# Action . . . Pride . . . Participation

Active was the key word for the sophomores participation in the 1982 Homecoming celebration. They made North High's traditional happening "fun" by involving themselves in the various activities.

Expressing enthusiasm throughout the week many dressed up on the special theme days selected by the Student Government Association's Council. As you walked down the halls you could find tenth graders in everything from "togas" to "tourist attire" as they displayed their creative costumes.

The Sophomores took third place in the Annual Window Painting Contest. Their creative effort displayed on the inside library doors, took many hours to complete. It depicted their interpretation of the '82 Homecoming theme, "Eye of the Knight" and showed a Red Knight restraining a Naples' Eagle by its wings.

A big way that tenth graders expressed their participation and pride was during the Powder Puff Football games. Twenty girls took to the field against the Freshmen, beating them 11-0, while five males, performing as cheerleaders, led spectator support. The team didn't fare as well in their second quarter of play against the Juniors, losing 24-0. Other tenth graders raised money for their class while the games were on, by selling Pepsi to the thirsty crowds.

Sophomores took to all types of wheels from tricycles to ten-speeds to motorcycles to cars for their entry in the Homecoming parade. This participation earned them recognition and an award ribbon.

After the parade the cyclists joined other tenth graders at the stadium for the traditional Homecoming Pep Rally. There they cheered council members Carol Petry, Cindy Weber, Michele Olson, Carla Palmer, Shezell Putmon, and Dawn Morrison who represented the tenth grade in skit competition and their Homecoming Court Representatives Tiffany Touchstone and Troy Simons.

Pride, action and participation said it all for the class of '85 during Homecoming . . . and oh yes ... most importantly, enjoyment.

Lorry Caputo
Kim Carter
Rick Caserta
Marie Catania
Kevin Chalmers

Shelly Chandler
Anthony Chapman
Mark Chesler
Eric Christianson
Alan Clairmont

Felicia Clark
Mike Clevenger
John Coman
Carl Connors
Shirley Connors

Jeff Conrad
Debbie Conway
James Cooke
Vicki Cooley
Julie Cooper

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**1** — Pep rally skit competition found sophomores Shauna LaPosta, Carla Palmer, and Cindy Weber down for the count, while Dawn Morrison and Carol Petry squared off to decide who would be the next to join them. **2** — Sophomore Homecoming Court Representatives Troy Simons and Tiffany Touchstone rode the parade route admidst gorgeous greenery.

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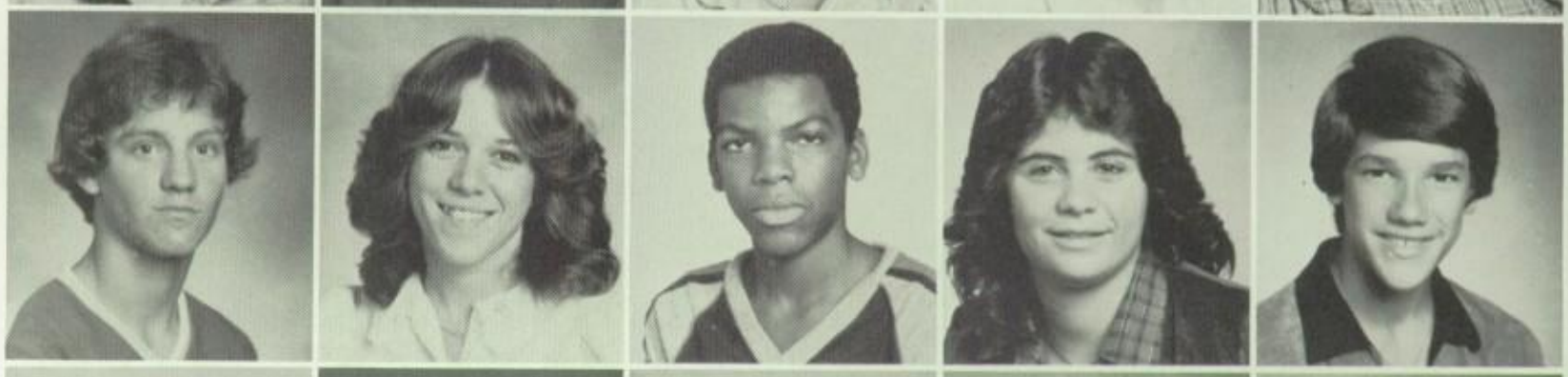
Michelle Core
Richard Crager
Kim Culver
James Curls II
Shairon Curry

Russell Cushing
Ann Daly
Travis Dantley
Carla Davis
Darrell Davis



Tyrone Davis
Shad Dean
Joyce Deaver
Mary DeBolt
Eric DeLong

Jeanette Dials
Richard Dobson
Carl Douglas
Carla Dudley
William Early

**1** — Sophomores Cindy Summerall, Kallyn Harmon, Alicia Garrett, and Kim Adams talked Senior Lisa Coman into posing with them during a Homecoming dress-up day. **2** — Hard work and artistic talent added a touch of Homecoming '82 spirit to the library windows and doors. **3** — Lori Hayworth stood alone as she got off the pass during the Powder Puff competition. Referee Fred Gebhard was ready to blow the whistle if there was an infraction of the rules.

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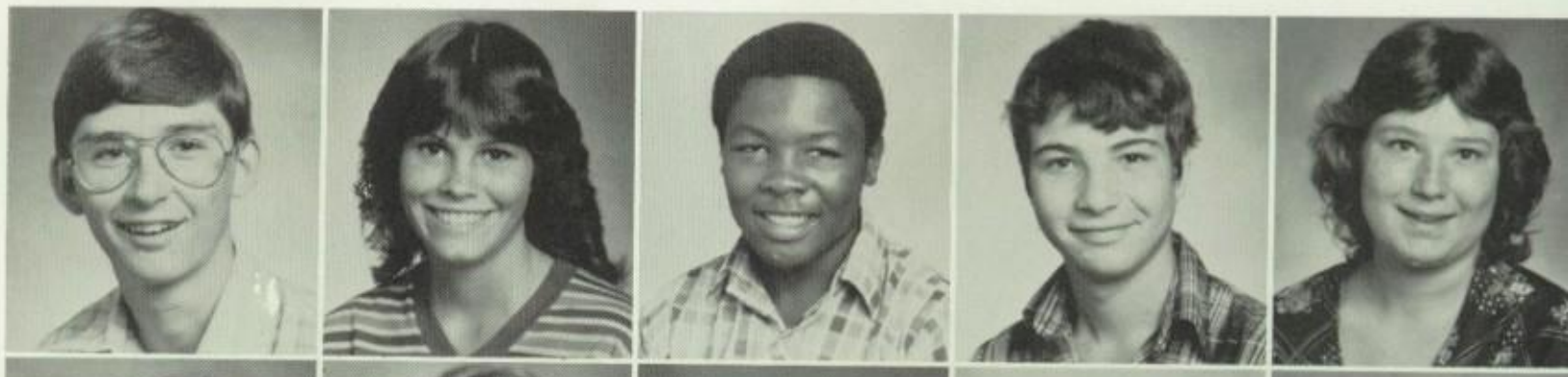
Clifford Ebert
Keith Edge
Dennis Edwards
Cindy Esquivel
Donna Facella

Patricia Fargnoli
Heather Field
Lana Flint
Mark Flynn
James Foriest

Ken Foskey
John French
Yvonne Frey
Angela Gainer
Robby Gala

Denise Gallagher
Sandra Garcia
Lisa Garrett
Sheila Garringer
Andrea Genovese

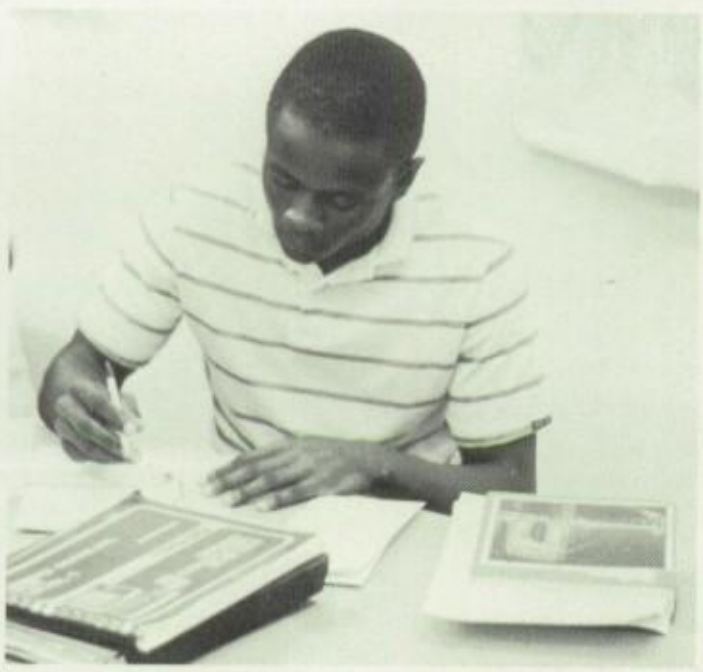
Douglas Gibson
Toni Giffin
Rodrick Gilyard
Scott Gordon
Cindy Gott



Sharisse Gradtke
Dennis Graves
Shawn Gray
Carmen Green
Tom Greene

Gloria Greenwood
Dawn Greer
Doug Gruber
Curtis Gully
Beth Gurnham

Norma Gutierrez
Roy Hager
Sarah Hale
James Hall
Scott Hall



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**1** — Senior James Giles filled out an application to take the S.A.T. in anticipation of going on to college. **2** — Junior Class Counselor Wayles Kimpland discussed with Rhonda Mason her scores on the P.S.A.T. and how she could use them in planning her future.

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Patricia Hammonds
David Hand
Kallyn Harmon
Lori Harper
Paul Harris

James Haynes
Lori Hayworth
Dianna Heinkel
Vickie Helms
Jacob Hemed

Linda Henry
Jim Hepp
James Holland
Michael Holmes
Paul Holz

Frankie Hopper
Richard Hornberger
Susan Horne
Tim Hostetler
Paula Howze

# Putting It to the Test

"Pencils sharpened everyone? Good now let's begin." Hour upon hour of filling in little circles on a PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, or ACT was enough to drive anyone crazy. To think a student paid to take these tests; were they really worth it? Most students said "yes." Taking the PSAT, SAT, or ACT were important and necessary if your future plans included college.

The PSAT, Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, was taken by 10th and 11th graders every year at North High. The experience gained taking this test and the information that resulted were useful for a variety of reasons. By taking the test, students found out how they compared with sophomores and juniors across the country on verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities. They could compare their test performance with that of a nationwide group of students planning to enter college.

PSAT scores were an impartial evaluation of a student's ability to do college work. This assessment proved helpful as they discussed future education plans with a school counselor or parents. It also served as the qualifying test for students who wished to participate in the nationwide competition conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, The National Merit Scholarship Program, and the National Achivement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Black Students.

Test development specialists and experienced consultants prepared the questions used on the PSAT to test the ability to reason with facts and concepts in both a verbal and mathematical context. It was administered annually to students in public, independent, and parochial secondary schools throughout the United States and in a number of foreign countries. The fee for each student was $4.25.

The PSAT was often considered a preview of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) which was required for admission to many institutions of higher education. It was a shortened version of the SAT and its score scale of 20 to 80 was equivalent to the 200 to 800 SAT scale. These scores on the PSAT were used to estimate future performance of the SAT. It was a contention that the experience gained taking the PSAT could give a student greater confidence and thus improve their performance on the SAT.

The ACT was similar to the SAT, but included more advanced skill testing. For example, the purpose of the ACT was to measure classroom achievement in four broad content areas as well as the ability to reason and to apply problem solving skills. Which test you took depended upon a student's particular expertise and what the college or university the student would be attending required for admission.

Taking tests was always a little nerve-racking, but Red Knights usually took it in stride. After all after ten, eleven, or twelve years of public education what kind of a test hadn't they taken at least once.

**1** — Being an aide in Mrs. Branson's Comp. Ed. class meant Rich Alfano had to continually grade papers, such as those of James Major, John Cummings, and Irene Falligan. **2** — Mrs. Linda Hissam grades papers while her aide Brett Johnson counted the days receipts from gummi bärens sales. **3** — Working as office aides Nancy Mendez and Dawn Morrison filed absence excuses in the dean's office.

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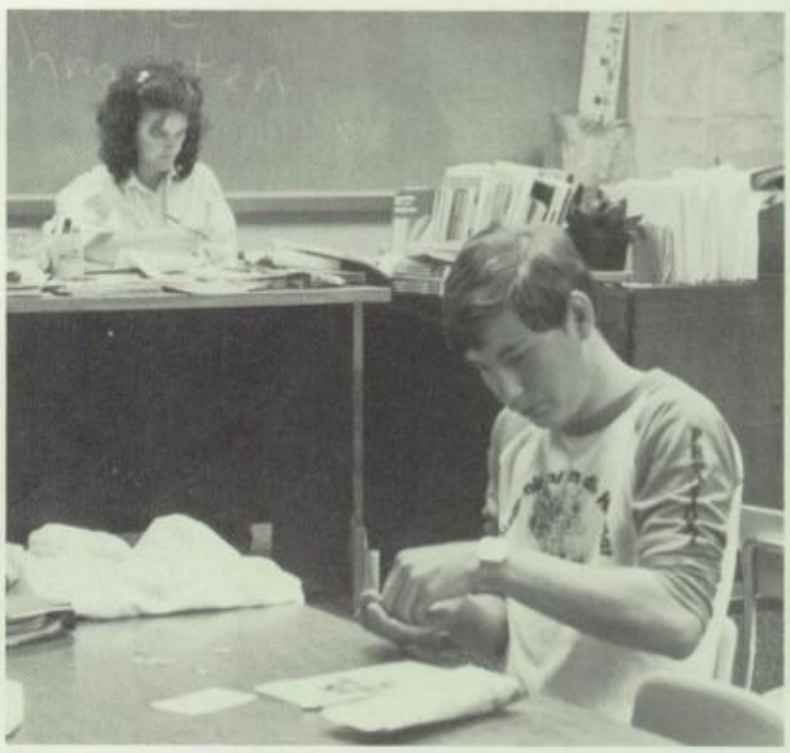

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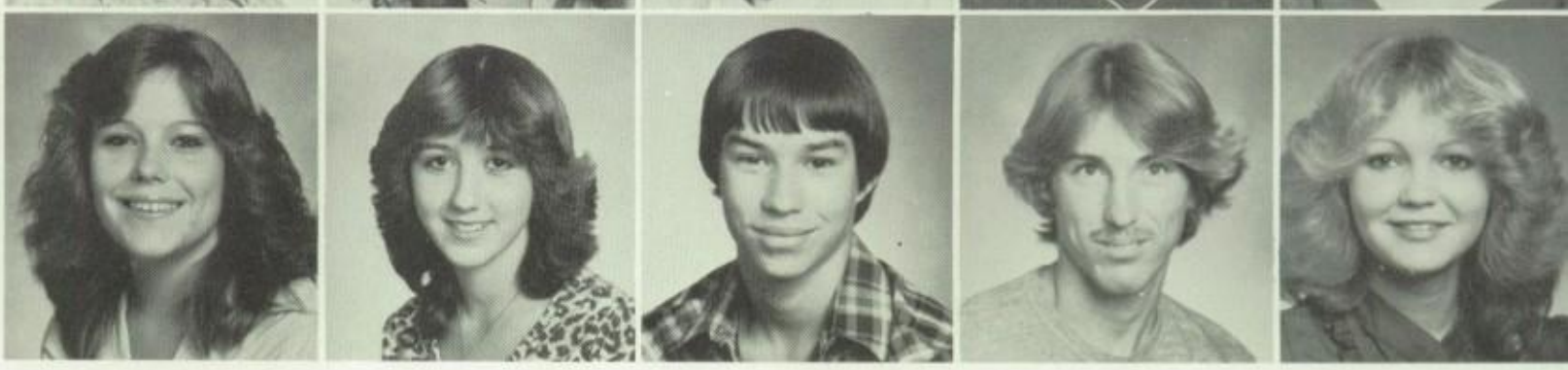
Mende Hughes
Carolyn Jackson
Felcia Jackson
John Jeleniewski
Stephanie Jiles

Mandy John
Danny Johnson
Jodi Johnson
Karen Johnson
Robert Johnson

Thomas Johnson
Anna Jones
Delretta Jones
Tracy Jordan
Amy Juliano

Teri Jo Kannus
Theresa Kappel
Kevin Kelly
Mike Kelly
Sonja Kelly



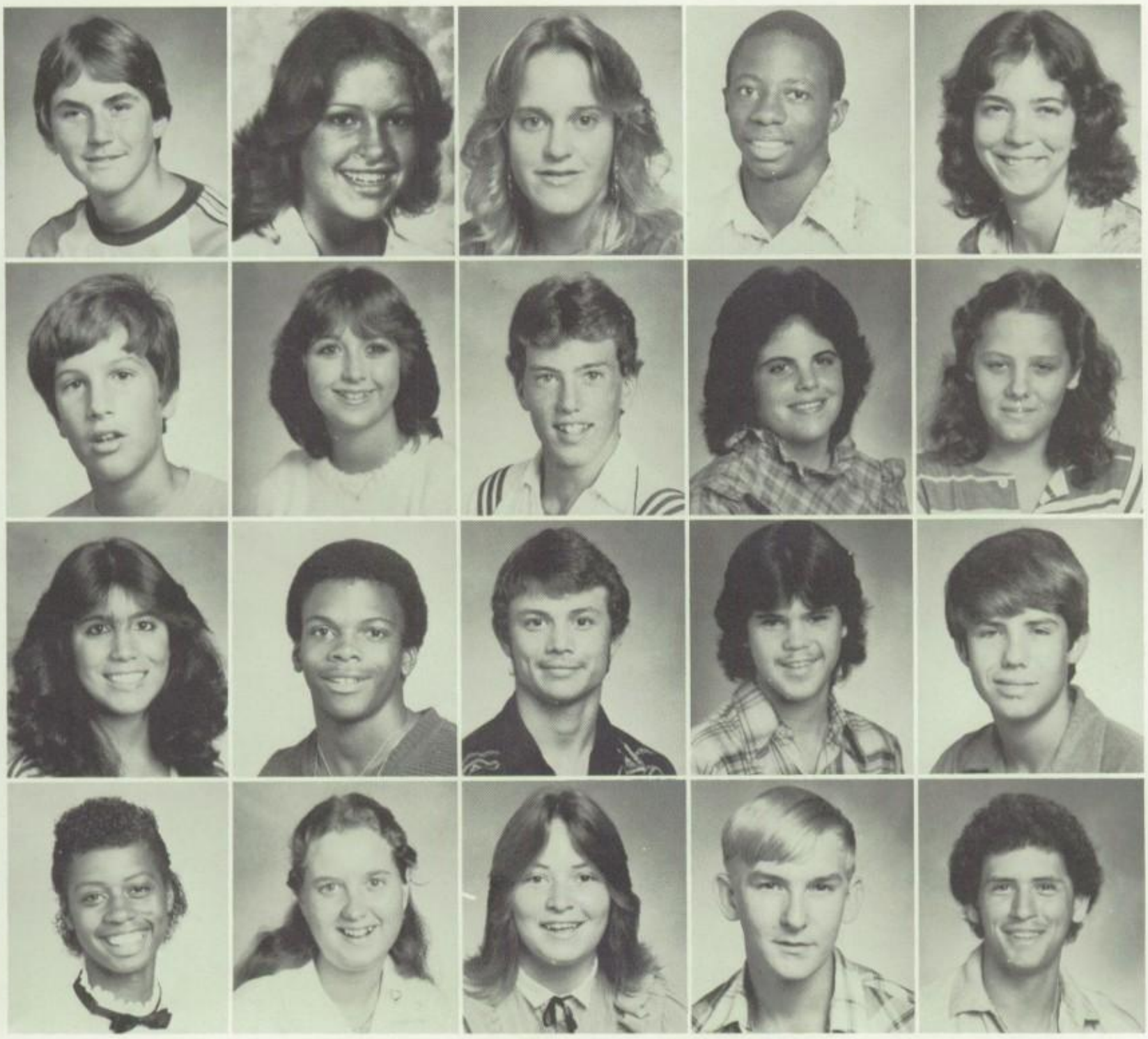
# A Teacher's Good Friend

For most North High students their relationships with members of the faculty or staff ended at the classroom door or over an office desk. They never got a chance to know the more human side of the professional who directed their learning for 55 minutes each day or who made decisions on their absenteeism or behavior problems.

A few students though found a way to learn more about a member or some members of the adult population of North by working for them as a student aide. Student aides relieved their supervisors of some of the more routine, non-teaching, time-consuming tasks that constantly occurred during an ordinary school day.

Not everyone qualified for the position of aide. To be considered a candidate had to have at least a 2.5 grade point average, no serious past discipline problems, no more than 7 days absence during the previous quarter, and a completed application form signed by one of the Deans or guidance counselors, the school registrar, and the teacher or staff member they wished to assist. A student could earn a full elective credit by serving as an aide. If after working for 2 semesters and receiving the credit, a student wished to continue this type of assignment they were allowed to do so only on a non-credit basis. Many students found this arrangement a great deal more fulfilling than sitting in a study hall.

The student aide program was a rewarding and popular one at North High. Staff members and students formed close working relationships and friendships and staff members were relieved of tedious tasks so they could concentrate on the professional aspect of their positions. Everyone benefitted because all parties concerned got a "good friend" who was willing to do their share.



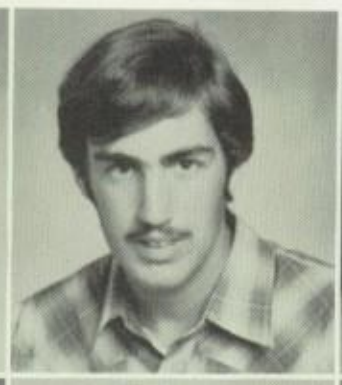
Todd Kirby
Toni Kiser
Susan Kline
Albert Knighten
Pam Kohn

Chris Kosarich
Kathy Kuhs
Todd Lake
Shauna LaPosta
Donna Lampert

Kim Lawton
Gerald Leaphart
Shannon Lee
James Lehman
David Lemieux

Sharon Lias
Carol Lindhout
Kyna Lister
Richard Long
Eddie Lopez

Jon Lopez
Danny Loughren
Staci Ludwig
Bobby Luna
Patricia Luster



Brian MacDougall
George Mack
Robyn Maker
Timothy Malone
Mike Mann

David Manookian
Fred Marengo
Amanda Marinell
Chuck Marquiss
Laura Marsh

Kent Martin
Dawn Matson
Tammy Mattox
Andy May
Dale Maynard

# A Symbol of Pride

The North High class ring was a symbol that you were really a Red Knight and a member of the Class of 198-. Graduation seemed right around the corner when you slipped that ring on your finger; it was as if you said, "Watch out world, here I come!"

Mr. Jim Leach, the representative of North's official ring company, Balfour, set up two ring order campaigns each year. In early fall he displayed his samples and took orders from juniors and seniors. Then in the spring the sophomores got their chance to purchase that specially designed symbol of the Class of 1985.

Balfour lets the purchaser design their own ring. Choosing from a wide variety of brilliantly colored gemstones, precious metals, and numerous symbols and crests, the ring quickly became a highly individualized creation which will be worn with pride for many years.

According to a student's taste, a class ring can vary in price, beginning about $95.00, with a $400.00 price tag on a 14K gold ring with about every option available. The most popular type of ring was the celestrum which consisted of a combination of metals including sterling silver and stainless steel. Payment for class rings was made as easy as possible for students by Balfour. An initial deposit had to be made at the time the order was placed, but a delivery date was set approximately four months later which gave the students plenty of time to accumulate the balance due.

There were advantages in buying your ring from Balfour. They had been in the class ring business for many, many years and stood solidly behind every ring they sold. The ring carried a 100% guarantee and they would repair or replace it at no cost to the student if it should prove defective. Even with the guarantee and the tremendous service provided by Mr. Leach, some North students took a chance and purchased a less expensive ring from a local jeweler.

No one on campus would be as proud as the sophomores when the class rings they ordered arrived on campus. It would have their favorite stone, their name, exquisite artwork, and most of all the four numerals that meant to them number one . . . 1985.

Chuck McClure
Wayne McKibbins
Michele McNeill
Mike McQuinn
Gloria Meiskey



Gary Melvin
Debbie Miller
Tami Miller
David Milliron
Pleshette Mims



Serlene Minatree
Jennifer Moll
Todd Moody
Ronnie Morgan
Angela Morrison



Dawn Morrison
Lisa Morrison
Leslie Morrissey
Sheila Mullin
Duane Nash

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**1 —** Principal Ed Stickles and two sophomores stopped by the Balfour ring table in the patio to discuss the various options available in a class ring. **2 —** Conferring on their choices for a really personalized class ring were Darlene Williams and Joe Fortini.

**1** — Like most North High athletes, John Cummings devoted part of his day to building up his muscle tone. **2** — Vanessa Thompson and her feminine classmates prove that weightlifting was not just for men. **3** — Michelle Kittle urged George DeBolt to work harder to improve his physique.

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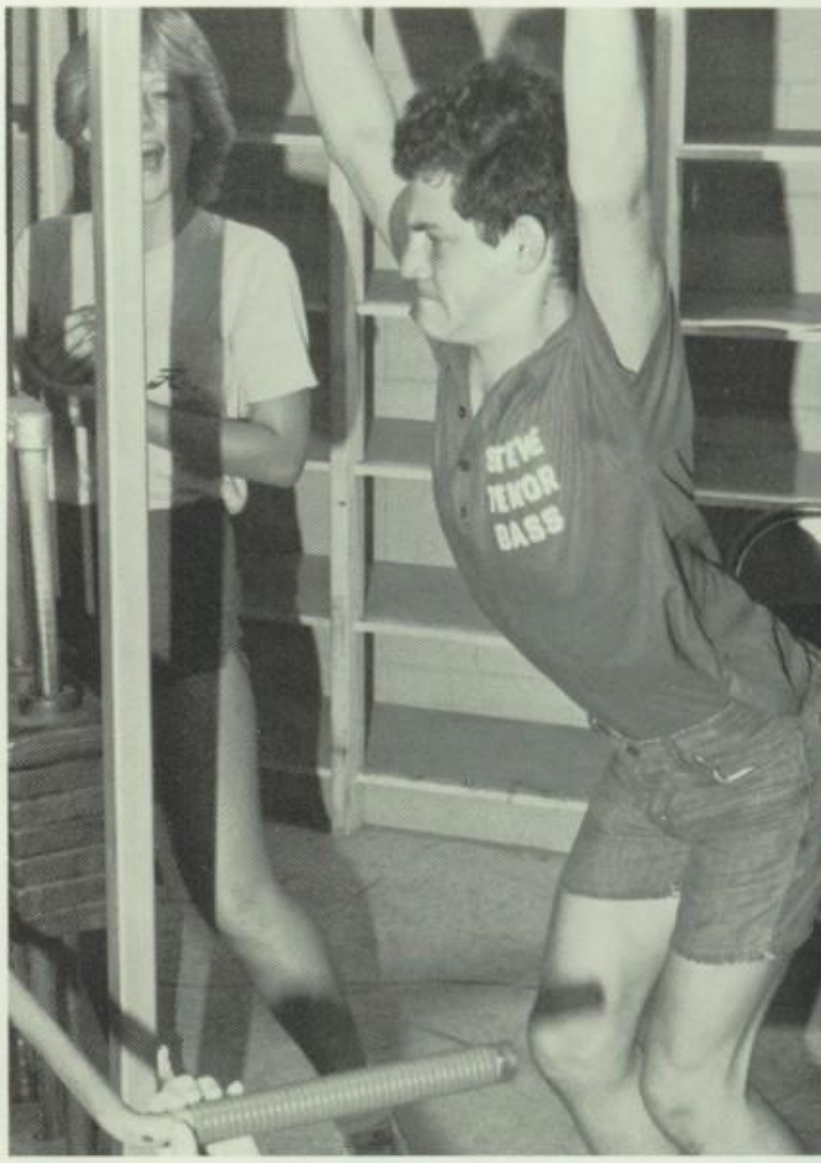


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Pete Normandin
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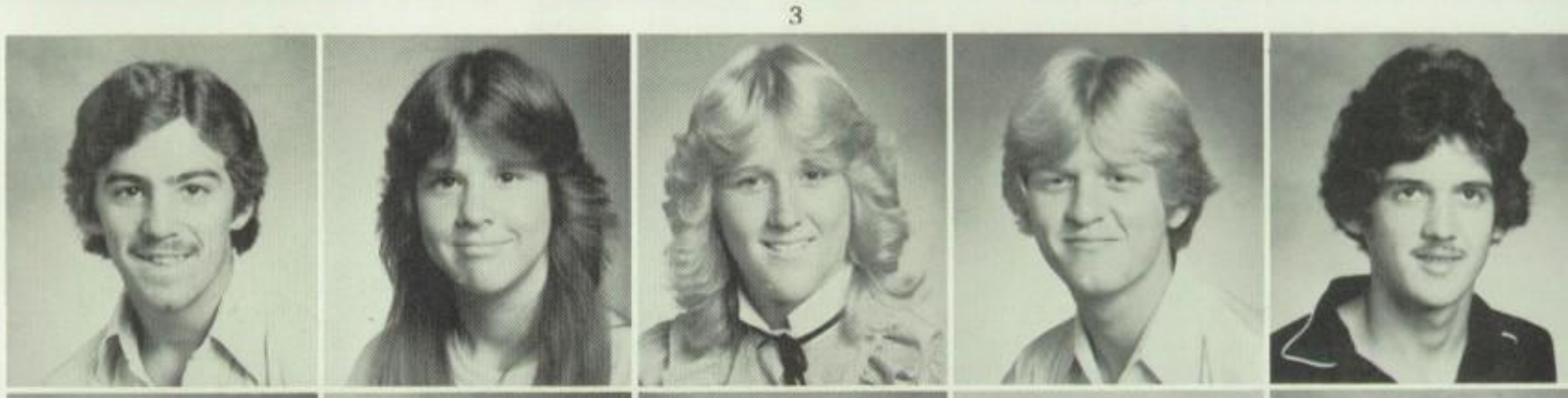

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Stephen Pate
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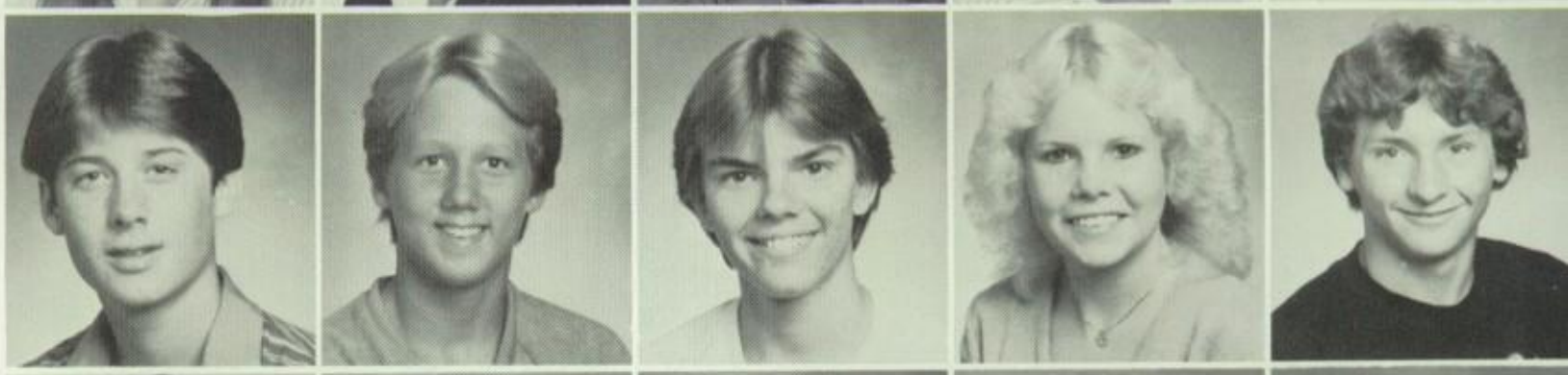
Brian Peisch
Carol Petry
Anthony Pierce



Arlisa Powell
Vivian Price
Amy Pulsifer
Craig Ramsey
Dottie Rawlings

# Shape of Things to Come

Physical fitness has become the rage throughout the United States. Health Spas, fitness centers, body shops, figure salons, sport centers, and muscle junctions sprung up in every community and Lee County was no exception.

Everywhere one looked joggers, walkers, and bike riders competed with automobile operators for space on streets, roads and avenues in residential areas. Body building or pumping iron, once considered the domain of the "male athletic type" was invaded by everyone from grade schoolers to grandparents, who wanted to tone up and feel and look great.

North High was lucky to have weightlifting and body building equipment available on campus for use by its students under the direction of their coaches or PE instructors. Males and females worked side by side building up biceps, chest muscles, leg muscles, etc. Dedication was demanded because weightlifting to be of any real use, had to become a personalized, repetitious program, set up for each individual and then followed consistently. It demanded concentration, patience, and work, work, work.

Diet was also an important aspect of physical fitness. The salad line in the cafeteria became more popular as students shied away from junk food and became more calorie wise. Students and faculty traded diet plans and exercise plans in an effort to lose that excess 5, 10, or 20 pounds.

Aerobic dancing caught on in popularity among female Knights. Twice weekly a group of teachers, secretaries, administrators, and ladies from the community got together in North's library to sweat and strain to top 40 Hits as they improved their body tone, figures, and cardiovascular systems.

Sweating and straining became more and more popular in 1982-83. The concept of total fitness had caught on and more Red Knights found that being athletic was a whole lot of fun.

Todd Reed
Jim Reese
Dawn Reich
Tangela Reid
Tami Reist

David Rice
Ira Rice
Kane Richmond
Mona Riter
Ginger Robertson

Beverly Robinson
Mike Roe
Melissa Roof
Carey Ross
Kim Rudnik

Christopher Sammons
Dion Sanders
Phillippe Saumier
Chris Schaaf
Terri Scritchfield

Febra Scudder
Michelle Selby
Russ Sessions
Troy Simons
Alicia Singletary

Monica Skinner
Audrey Smith
Dave Smith
Jolena Smith
Larry Smith

Linda Smith
Susan Smith
Kevin Snyder
Kelly Southworth
Debbie Spencer

Terry Starnes
Jeff Strecker
Cindy Summerall
Scott Sutton
Danny Swindle

# K.J. the D.J. Raps the Day Away . . .

Kerrie Johnson was a normal student at North High by day, but at night he became "K.J. the D.J.," thrilling and pleasing people with his magical talent of rapping. Kerrie was what we called a Super Knight.

In November he found a way to turn one of North's ordinary pep rallies into a special morning. Kerrie introduced his musical creation to fellow Knights as they churned up spirit for the game against archrival, Cape Coral. He created an immediate aura of enthusiasm among the players and the crowd of students and faculty members crammed into the gym that morning by doing an original rapping routine.

A rapper told a story to music with an exciting strong beat by speaking the words rather than singing them. K.J. got started in this kind of entertainment about three years ago after he heard other groups perform. He decided this was something he would like to try.

He joined his brother Myron, Bruce Richardson, and Henton Battle and began performing at everything from wedding receptions to birthday parties. Their continual pertinent and fresh routines accounted for their immediate success. Crowds couldn't help but begin to move their feet, snap their fingers, or clap their hands to the artistry of this talented foursome.

K.J.'s rap at the pep rally caught the ear of LANCE '83. We reprinted it here for your enjoyment, but as you read it, remember to snap and move like a professional rapper — like North's own "K.J. the D.J."

The Football Rap

North High this is the place to be, you have K.J. the D.J. on the mike rapping to a "T".
Check it out, I'm K.J. the D.J. and I'm here tonight, to talk about a school that's dynamite.
Of course the school I'm talking about, is North High without a doubt.
The school's a little older than the rest, but in the long run North's still the best.
The teachers are O.K. and so are the deans you can skip any class, just don't be seen
'Cuz if you are you can bet, a trip to Mr. T is what you'll get.
At North High we've got everything, we've got a band that plays, a chorus that sings
We've got a DECA Club and Interact too; lots of activities waiting for you.
We've got Spanish, German, French if you wish, and we even teach a language called English.
We've got fine young ladies walking through the hall, I'd give a million to know them all.
You got K.J. the D.J. you know that's me, cuz I rock my mike so viciously.

Bryan Tatum
Kim Thoman
Pamela Thompson
Vanessa Thompson
Louis Tillman

Tom Tisell
Kenneth Tolbert
Brian Tollison
Eddy Totherow
Jeanee Totherow

Tiffany Touchstone
Lynn Truskey
Wendy Tryon
Tammy Tyler
Mike Tyndall

Diane Tyre
Eric Van Dyken
Regina Varn
Leticia Velez
Ricardo Velez

I rocked my mike one day at school, with the microphone my only tool.
My words put the students in a trance, even Mr. Stickles got up and danced.
So if you're at North High and you think it's fun, everybody scream out Number One.
Well that's enough it's not my theme, today I'm going to rap about the football team.
Football is really rough, and Coach Hoover you could say he's tough.
But it all pays off in the end, cause the Red Knights know what it's like to win.
There's Brian Makar on the call, he tells Chris Hartnett to hike the ball.
Then James Holland takes up the side, in a few more seconds the ball will fly.
He raises his arms and brings it in, another game we will win!
Sput-a-weet runs the ball up the hole, another touchdown is his goal.
Another 100 yard game of the day with Don Estlund blocking all the way.
And Warren "Tiger" Williams sees the light, another touchdown of the night.
He wants Dahlberg and Sanders rising to the top, next year they'll be hard to stop.
Bonyfield at the wide-out, when he catches the ball you want to shout.
Jake and Hezy on the line, two brothers side by side.
Moriconi and Whitney on the line, sacking quarterbacks all the time.
Picking up fumbles like Edger Pugh, he's a man who knows what to do.
Hitting hard like DeArmond and Couch, they make the other teams yell "ouch."
Calvin Walker returns the kick, all the way to the six.
When the coach thinks he will scream, he puts in Battle because he's mean.
We're the team that's 6 to 2, and our winning streak is not through.
So if you're a Red Knight and you think it's fun, scream it out, say Number One!

Kerrie Johnson as K.J. raps at the pep rally.

**1** — Three top sophomores found studying together helped to reenforce important educational concepts. Chris Beckos, John Coman, and Tracy Jordan prepared for their high level English class together. **2** — Extremely bright students who "double up" their class loads found they could often graduate early. Such a student was Coury Macdonald who had time to read the newspaper during a break in class.

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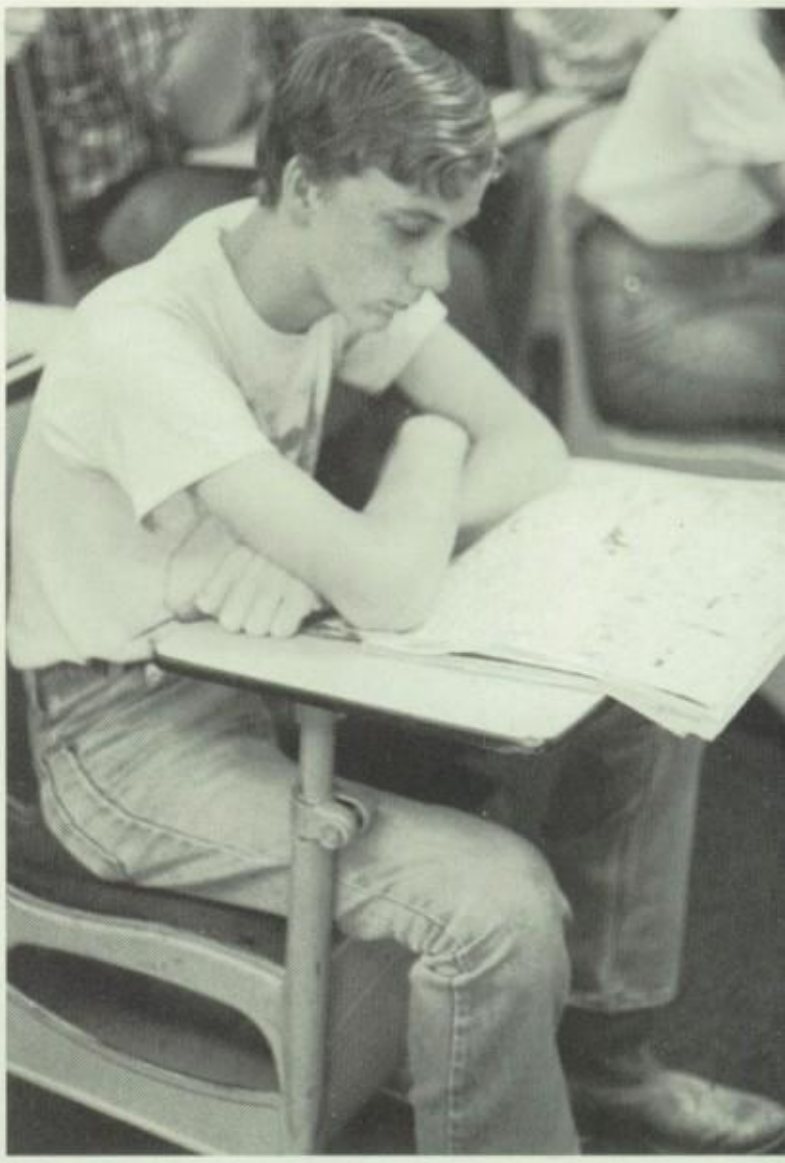

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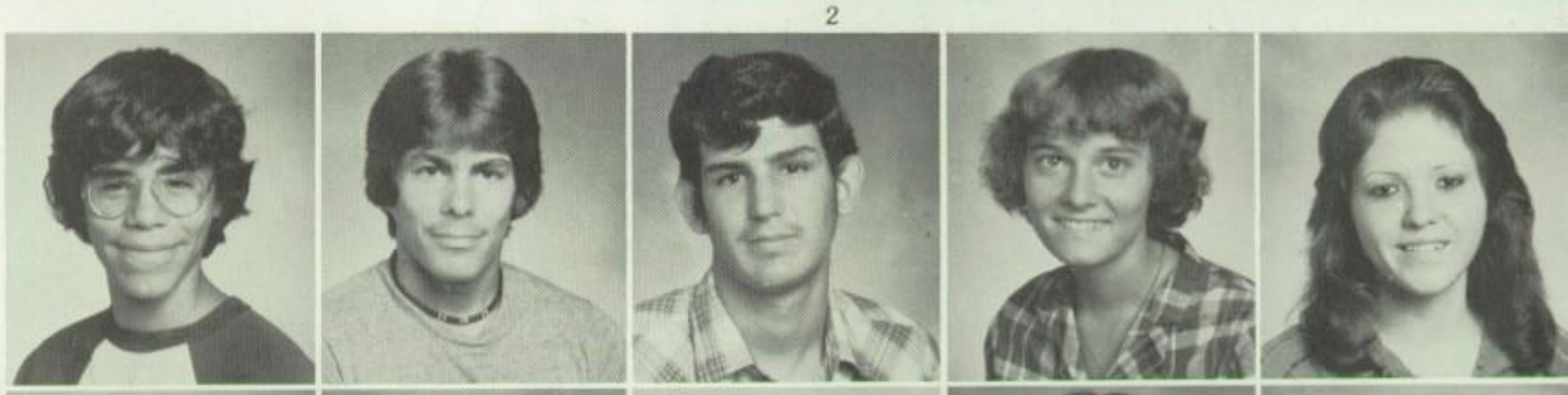


Sherry Ward
Lisa Waser
Rickey Washington
Cindy Weber
Beth Wenland

Mike Westra
Mary Whelan
Sharlene Whidden
Jackie White
Jennie White

Rick Whitten
Linda Wierengo
John Wild
Robert Wilkey
Charles Williams

# A Little Bit Wiser

Of all the students at North High the percentage that earned a straight 4.0 average any given grading period was very small. Almost all students agreed that seeing all A's on the quarter or semester grade card would be fabulous, the ultimate experience. Yet not many of them were willing to expend the energy and make the sacrifices necessary to reach this educational goal.

It was an accepted fact that honor students worked hard, used classtime constructively, and spent hours each evening doing their homework. Few of them; if any, considered themselves geniuses. They just set high standards for themselves and let nothing deter them from their educational goals. School always came first. No job, car, or even romance was allowed to interfere with their "main job."

A lot of students referred to this elite group of scholars as brains and considered their devotion to the books as "different" to say the least. It was always easy to ridicule their efforts, but it was out of envy and most would have given a week's pay to do half as well.

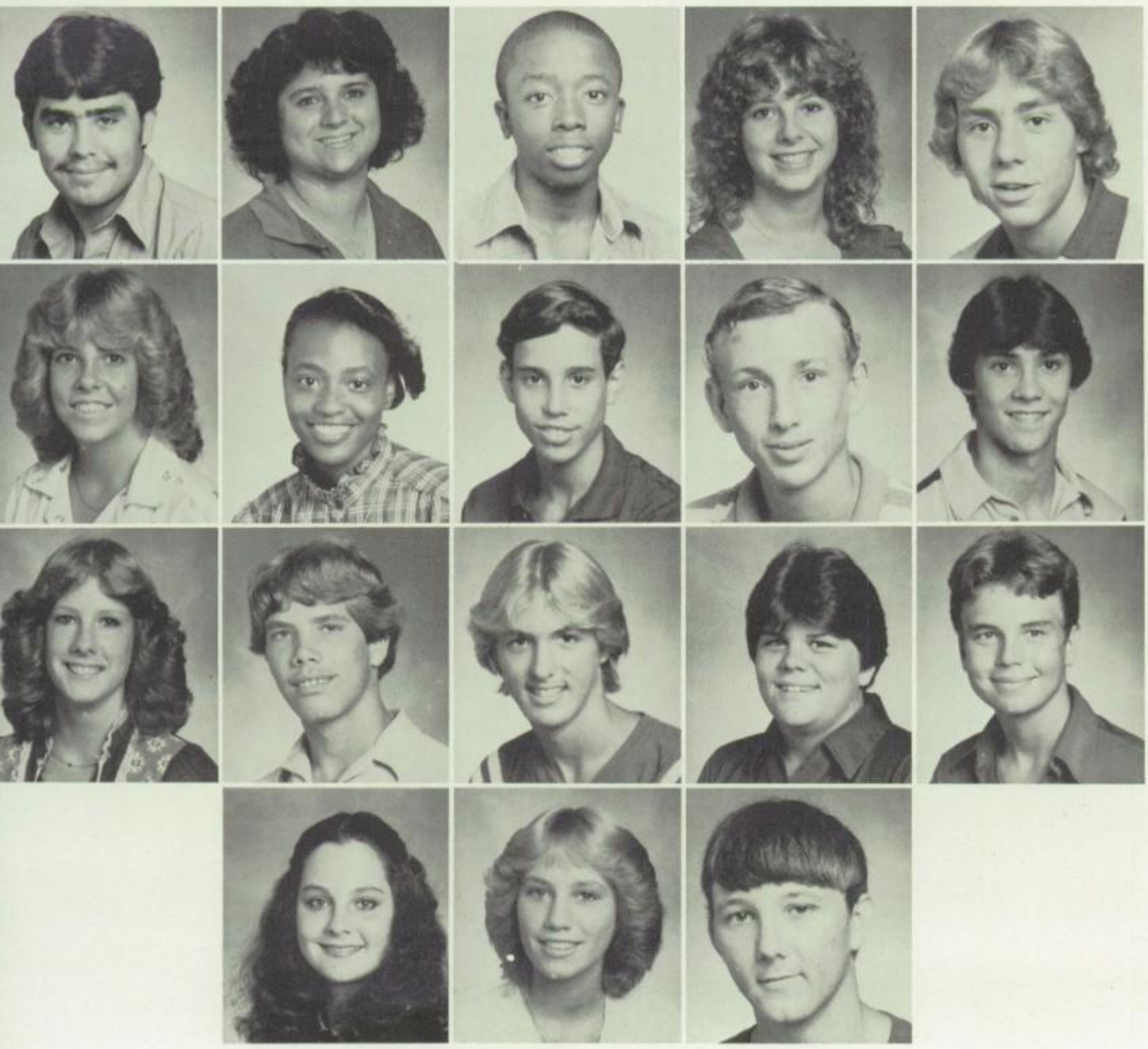
When freshmen excelled after the first quarter they were invited to become members of F.A.P. (Freshman Achievement Program). This required a 3.5 average. As members of this group they made friends and often formed study groups with other "excellers."

As sophomores, those who maintained their high grade point average had the S.A.P. (Sophomore Achievement Program) and the continued fellowship of other good students to encourage academic excellence. As juniors they needed to keep their average up to a 3.5 and thus be eligible for membership in the ultimate scholastic honorary organization, the N.H.S. (National Honor Society). Here was grouped the "elite" of scholars and leaders at North High.

Many of North's high achievers played down their excellent grades so as not to be considered "different." When Christine Beckos was asked how it felt to be a "brain", she blushed, gave a surprised but well-earned smile, and then quickly changed the subject.

Tom Tisell was proud of his grades but always worried about the next ones, "they may have dropped a little."

Developing the "grey matter" between our ears was the main aim in education. Some seemed to do it better than others and they served as great examples to the rest of North's students. A little bit of "do as I do" would have helped everyone's learning and certainly their grade point averages.



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Kevin Williams
Stacy Williams
Steven Williams

Donna Wilson
Kathy Wilson
Jesse Witte
Robert Wolff
Julian Wood

Cheryl Woods
Mike Wright
Randy Wright
Joe Yerkes
Allan Young

Debbie Zabinofsky
Tami Zambito
Shawn Zyderveld

# Freshmen . . .

that's exactly what they were. Fresh out of middle school, ready and willing to be accepted in the world of semi-adulthood that was North Fort Myers High School. The high hopes and anticipation for a great year ahead showed in each and every one of them, as well as in their Class Sponsors, Steve Conley and Beverly Gaudelli.

As was the case of most freshman classes which preceded them, the Class of 1986 got off to a slow start. Enthusiasm built when they elected their first set of class officers: President Shelley Gartner, Vice-President Michelle Coman, Secretary Angie Hasten, Treasurer Debbie Briggs, and Class Coordinator Angie Juliano. These young ladies and the Freshman Executive Council set out to build up the Class' assets. Lack of participation became their major setback and as a result some of the initial fund raising campaigns fizzled.

During the Red Knight football team's tremendous 8-2 season, Freshmen sold those familiar bright red spirit horns that filled the bleachers at games and pep rallies. Since the number they had to sell was limited their venture was not as successful as it could have been. The rookie Knights also held bake sales after Christmas vacation and throughout the spring.

Financial setbacks did not affect the amount of spirit that the Class displayed at each pep rally. During each one hour cheering session in the North High gymnasium, countless numbers of this largest class held up and waved their red, white, and black banners and proclaimed their allegiance to the Big Red and their belief that the class of 1986 was "Number One." When they had only been Red Knights for about seven weeks they accomplished what had seemed to be the impossible. At the end of a deafening pep rally on October 8, the Freshmen stood up and screamed with exhilaration. They had just won the coveted spirit stick.

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**1 — Freshman Class Officers:** Class Coordinator Angie Juliano, Vice-President Michelle Coman, Secretary Angie Hasten, Treasurer Debbie Briggs, President Shelley Gartner. **— Freshman Executive Council: Front Row —** Pem Franklin, Leslie Core, Cheryl Prince, Sandy Rice, Amy Troxel, Anita Cooley, Jodie Palmer. **Second Row —** Paul Melvin Mark Kaufman, Bret Meyers, Randy Pierce, Greg Stanford. **Third Row —** Michelle Sutton, Shelley Gartner, Michelle Kittle, Christy Reinhold, Shelly Simons, Holly Rowe, Angi Juliano, Michelle Coman, Amy Wright, Steve Conley, Sponsor. **Back Row —** Samantha Holloway, David Giompalo, Reggie Massey, Laura Thomas, Donna Bradley, Sandy Cu ningham, Jodie Davis, Mike Sheffield, Angie Hasten.

Showing their spirit and proving without a doubt that "freshmen weren't babies" were Anita Cooley, Jody Morrison, Sandy Cunningham, Michelle Kittle, Samantha Holloway, and Shelly Simons.

Mark Aalto
Shawn Abercrombie
Kenny Adams
Mary Adams
Mike Albertson

Jackie Arndt
Kerry Arnett
Willie Bailey
Lynn Baker
Loren Baker

Ron Baker
Missy Barger
Arlanda Barnes
Dena Barnes
Tracey Battle

Jimmy Bayliss
Jimmy Beasley
Julie Beattie
Tracey Beckler
Sandria Beigh

Scott Bell
Annette Bellamy
Dana Berry
Genesis Black
Leslie Borders

Kendra Bott
Waylon Bowling
Laurie Bowman
Judy Bowne
Mary Boyette

Donna Bradley
John Brady
Pam Brady
Billy Bragg
Bryan Branch

Todd Branham
Debbie Briggs
Annie Brown
Mike Brown
Michael Brown

Tim E. Brown
Tim L. Brown
Todd Brown
Nancy Buckhanan
Lester Burnett

# Chalk One Up

Freshmen discovered and then enthusiastically joined those activities which promoted spirit and pride throughout the school year, but especially during Homecoming week. Although this was the first time they had the opportunity to participate, they entered Homecoming festivities with zeal by dressing up the first four days in styles from the "Nifty-Fifties", fashionable togas with ivy crowns, outlandish combinations of plaids, stripes, polkadots, and wild colors, and tourist regalia complete with cameras, sunglasses, and tanning lotion.

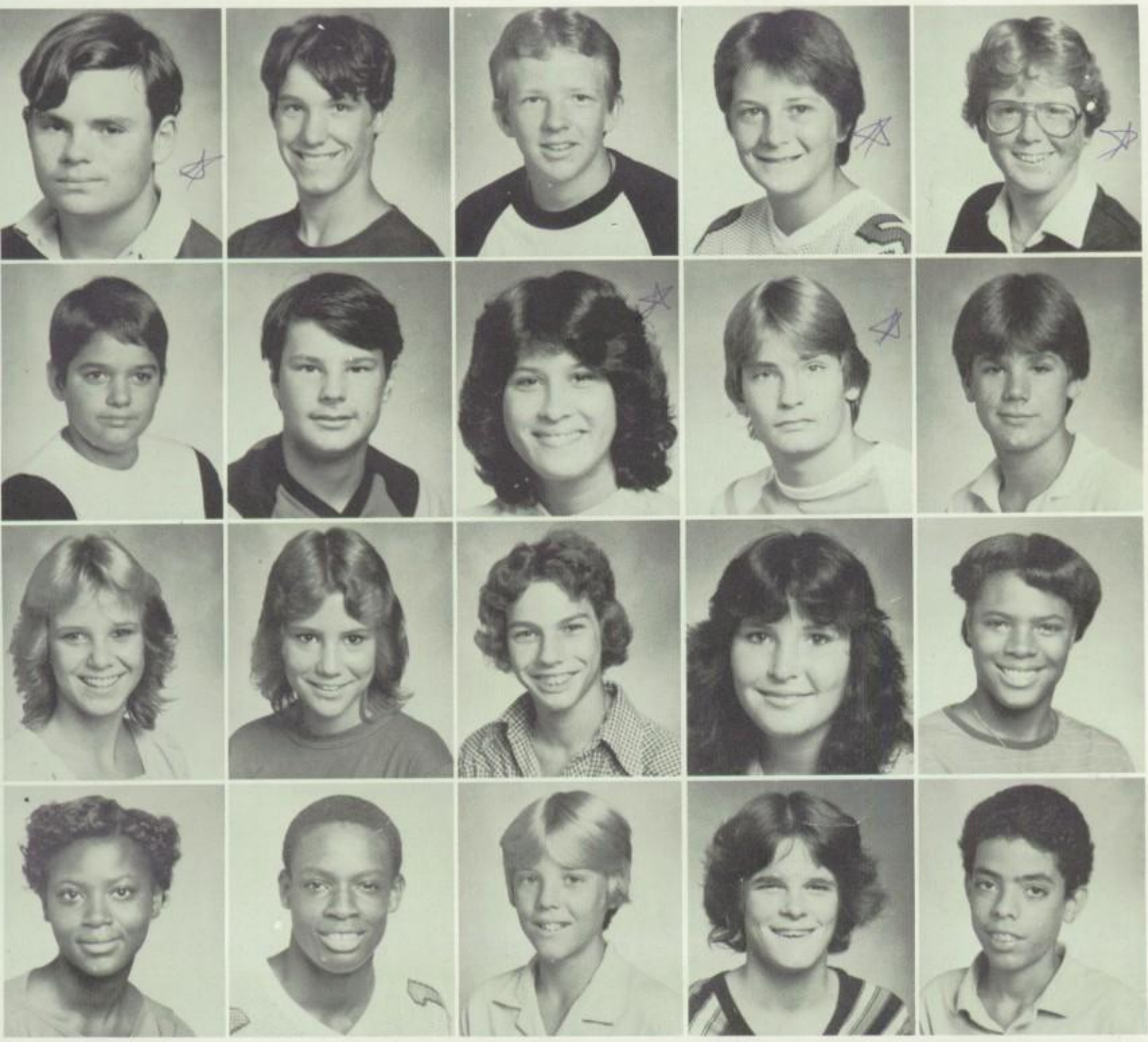
Once again North's Freshman Class did a super job in the Annual Window Painting Contest. The freshmen's windows, those to the sides of the cafeteria doors, were skillfully and colorfully transformed into a work of art by Shelley Gartner, Donna Bradley, Jodie Davis, Randy Pierce, Greg Stanford, and Bret Meyers. These talented ninth graders designed a creation in their spare time to represent the "Class of '86" and the sure destruction of the Naples' football team at the hands of our mighty Red Knights.

During Field Day female members of the class took to the football field to "do or die" for classmates in the renewal of the Powder-Puff Football competition. Although the team played valiantly, their efforts went unrewarded as they went down to defeat to the Sophomore team.

Pem Franklin and Pat Wright were elected by their classmates as 9th grade representatives on the Homecoming Court. Their moment of glory arrived as Dave Giompalo, SGA Adviser, introduced them during the traditional crossing of the field prior to the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen.

The freshmen really showed their spirit by donning diapers and bonnets and riding the length of the parade route on tricycles behind a banner proudly proclaiming "Who Says Freshmen Are Babies??"

Perhaps though the most memorable Homecoming moment for freshmen occurred during the gigantic pep rally held after the parade at the football field. Here they mixed with all the classes as they watched skits and yelled and screamed words of encouragement and pride for the members of the Varsity Football Team. They knew they had arrived and proven themselves . . . they were really Red Knights.

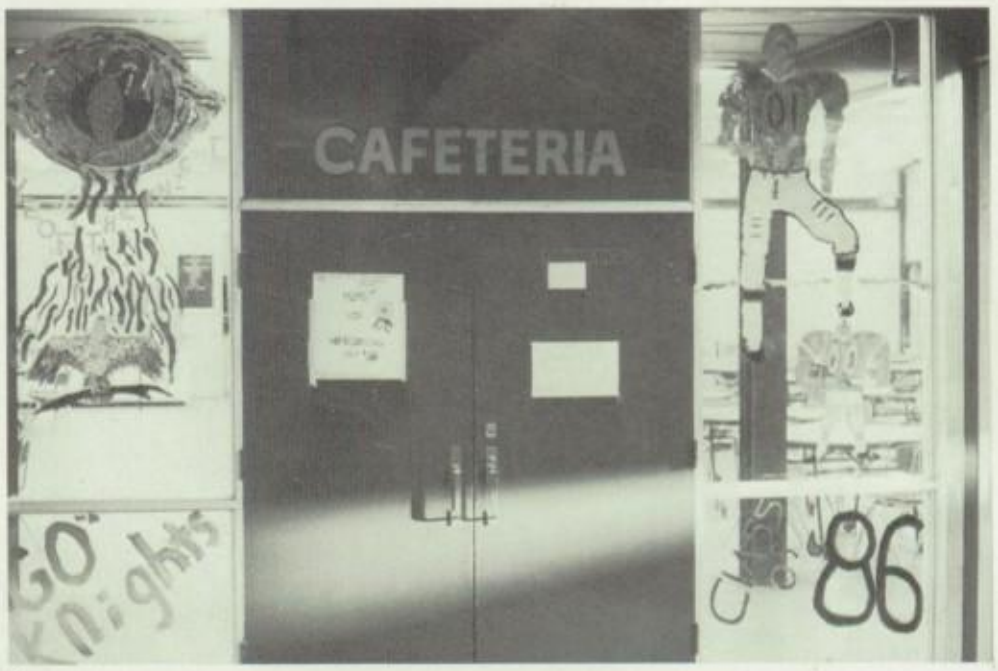


Tim Burnham
Chris Bursley
Jimmy Cail
Scott Callari
Jeff Campbell

Steve Cantrell
Paul Carnell
Tonja Carver
Virgil Case
Don Centers

Gidget Ceslok
Pam Ceslok
Jon Charron
Krista Clay
Dionne Cody

Kamala Cody
Melvin Cody
Craig Coe
Betty Cole
Manuel Collazo

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**1** — Jamala Bellamy tried to elude sophomore Cynthia Bellamy with the help of teammate Candace Ellsworth during the first round of the Annual Red Knight Powder Puff Football games. **2** — The Freshmen contributed a colorful spirited message to the side windows of the cafeteria during Homecoming.

**1** — Freshmen Virginia Lawson, Debbie Spencer, Michelle Sutton, Amy Wright, Melissa Whitworth, Angie Hasten, and JoJo McGovern, showed their spirit on 50's Day by dressing as if they'd just stepped off the "Happy Days" set. **2** — Freshman Homecoming Representatives Pat Wright and Pem Franklin proudly rode the '82 Homecoming Court float. **3** — Practicing her tricycle riding skills before hitting the fast lane on Orange Grove Boulevard was freshman parade entry Jodi Morrison.

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Michelle Coman

Mary Concepcion

James Conrad

Tom Cook

Anita Cooley

Leslie Core

Tracy Countryman

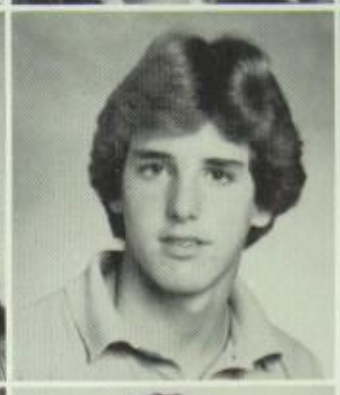
Rae Anne Coup

Matt Crego

Troy Crooks

Sherry Crutchfield

Mercedes Cruz



Doug Cunningham

Sandy Cunningham

Becky Curington

Becky Cuzzort

Jodie Davis

Lashawn Davis

Lorenda Davis

Tammy Davis

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Deborah DeArmond
Clayton Dearstyne
George DeBolt
Steven DelVecchio
Angela DeSear

Carrie Dibble
Mike Dillon
Alberta Douglas
Sheila Downing
Kenlyn Dowty

Lora Driggers
Mike Dunaway
Shannon Dunn
Karen Dunsmore
Marion Durden

Shawn Earhart
Michelle Easterly
June Ebert
Tina Eddlemon
Misty Edwards

Kelly Eichner
Kyle Eignor
Eric Elliott
Carol Ellis
Kelly Ellis

Candi Ellsworth
Lisa Ely
Mark Evans
Darrell Everett
Kelli Farquer

Angela Ferrell
Alice Flipse
Robert Flipse
Tina Fondren
Pem Franklin

Robin Gardner
Robert Garlick
Joy Garrow
Cheri Garson
Shelley Gartner

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**1** — Just before the Jingle Bell Run, participants listened to Coach Wade Hummell for last minute instructions. **2** — North's own Santa, Robert Childers, thrilled the primary students at Tropic Isles with a surprise Christmas visit prior to the holidays.

Mark Gearhart
Guy Gentry
Brenda George
Gregg Gibson
David Giompalo

Cindy Gluck
Judy Gonzales
Karen Goodwin
Michelle Gordon
Donna Graham

Lee Grey
Kristina Gunn
Wayne Haisley
Bobie Hall
Sharon Hall

Tommy Hallatt
Vickie Haller
Honda Harris
Jimmy Harrison
Jim Hartman

# Happy Holidays

The holiday season has traditionally brought about a feeling of love, joy, and happiness. Families were brought together and love was shared and expressed throughout the Yuletide season.

At North High the students brought their traditional Christmas spirit into the school throughout the entire month of December. Wearing Christmas elves' caps on their heads and jingle bells on their shoes, these radiant Red Knights paraded through the halls chanting Christmas songs and spreading Christmas cheer.

Mrs. Dorothy Evans, PE Department Chairperson, arranged to have Santa Claus stop at North to pose for pictures with students. Packages of these pictures could be purchased as unique and thoughtful gifts for family and friends.

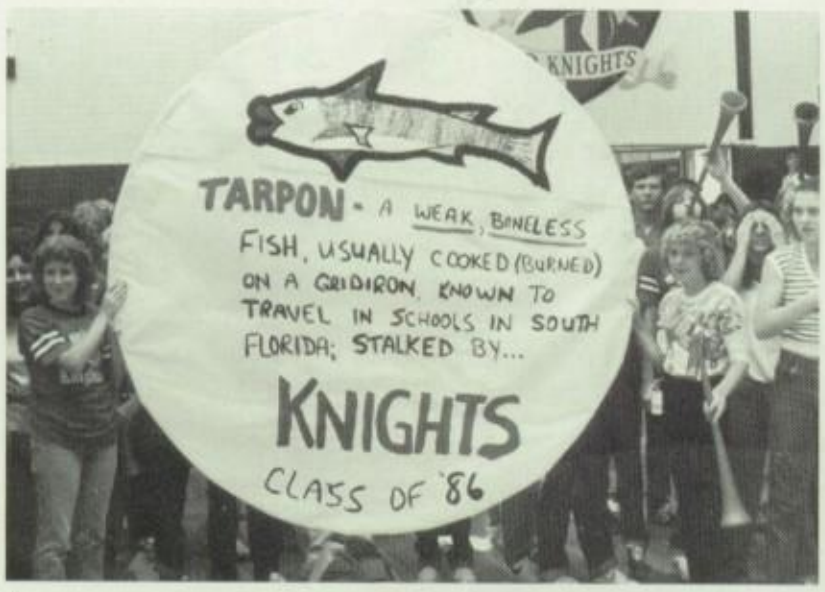
One of North's own students, Robert Childers, donned the red garb of St. Nick to visit and entertain the children in the Child Care classes and the students at Tropic Isles School. Members of the Drama Department went along with Santa to entertain with a series of one-act plays. They also took their "acts" to the Edison Mall for community enjoyment.

As in years past, the North High Chorus and Concert Band were very busy over the holiday season spreading cheer and seasons greetings. The Chorus performed the "Messiah" at the North Ft. Myers Methodist Church, at Sam Galloway Ford, and for the Lee County Retired Teachers. The Band presented their annual Holiday Concert in the gym for students and members of the North community.

An additional activity for the Christmas season was initiated at North this year. The first Jingle Bell Run was held on December 17. Sponsored by the P.E. Department the idea was to combine the sport of running with the excitement of the approaching vacation period. Sixty students and five faculty members participated in the run. Trophies were awarded for first place winners in four categories. No cross country runners were eligible for trophies, so even though running ace Tom Tisell crossed the finish line first, all he received was congratulations. Trophy winners were Teresa Roof and Ralph Black, students, and Emelia O'Grady and Charles Glaser, teachers.

As hard times gripped many members of the Lee County community this past Christmas the students at North opened their hearts and wallets and contributed canned goods, toys, money, and candy to be distributed by clubs and organizations to needy families and people confined in nursing homes and hospitals. Red Knights knew the real meaning of Christmas and wanted to share it with everyone.

**1** — The Freshman Class made a stupendous spirit banner to demonstrate their tremendous pride in the varsity football team and showed it off at the pep rally before the game against Charlotte High. **2** — The largest class at North filled up the gym floor during a pep rally.


TARPON - A WEAK, BONELESS FISH, USUALLY COOKED (BURNED) ON A GRIDIRON, KNOWN TO TRAVEL IN SCHOOLS IN SOUTH FLORIDA; STALKED BY...
KNIGHTS
CLASS OF '86

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John Harwood
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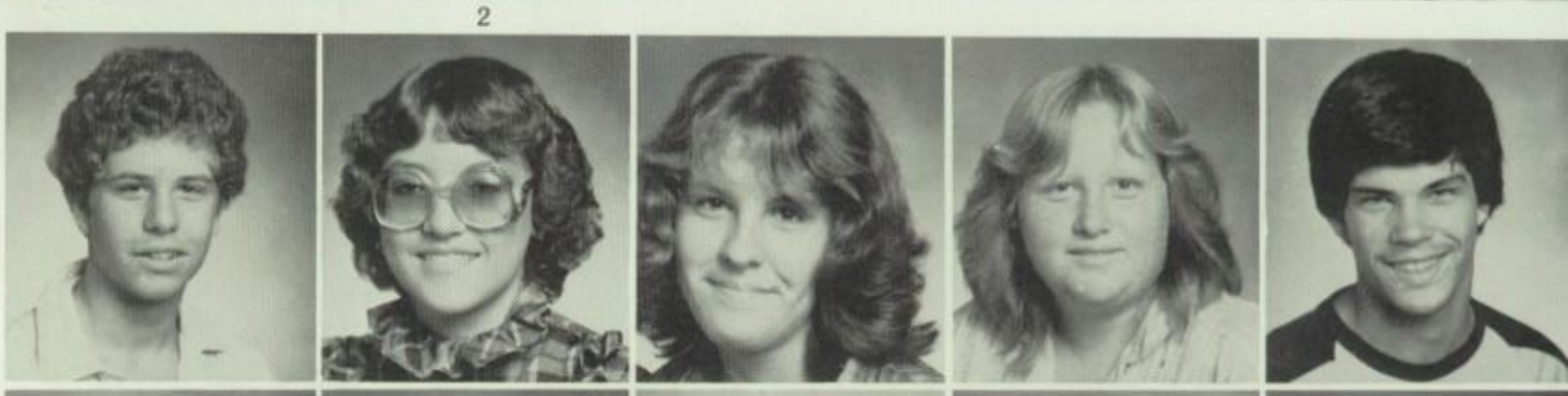
Tammy Hauser
Mary Haynes
Tim Haynes



John Heinkel
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Irit Hemed
David Henderson
Don Hendrick

Eddie Henson
Denise Hernandez
Sharon Hibbert
Kevin Hickman
Suzann Hobson

Harry Hodgdon
Billie Jo Holland
Lisa Holland
Samantha Holloway
Robert Holmes

# The New Kids on the Block

They were the major part of the surge of fresh blood and new faces that entered North High in August, 1982. They were many in number but varied in size, shape and age. Most tried to appear experienced and at ease but really were nervous and a bit apprehensive over this utterly new adventure, high school.

The population of the Red Knight freshman class has always been larger in number than the other three classes. The 1982-83 school year was no exception, on the first day of school they numbered 483.

Such large numbers caused many problems socially and academically for both the students and the faculty. Overcrowded classrooms, lunch shifts, and pep rallies had to be dealt with and adjusted, but this often occurred only after a few students had been forced to share desks, tables, chairs, and textbooks.

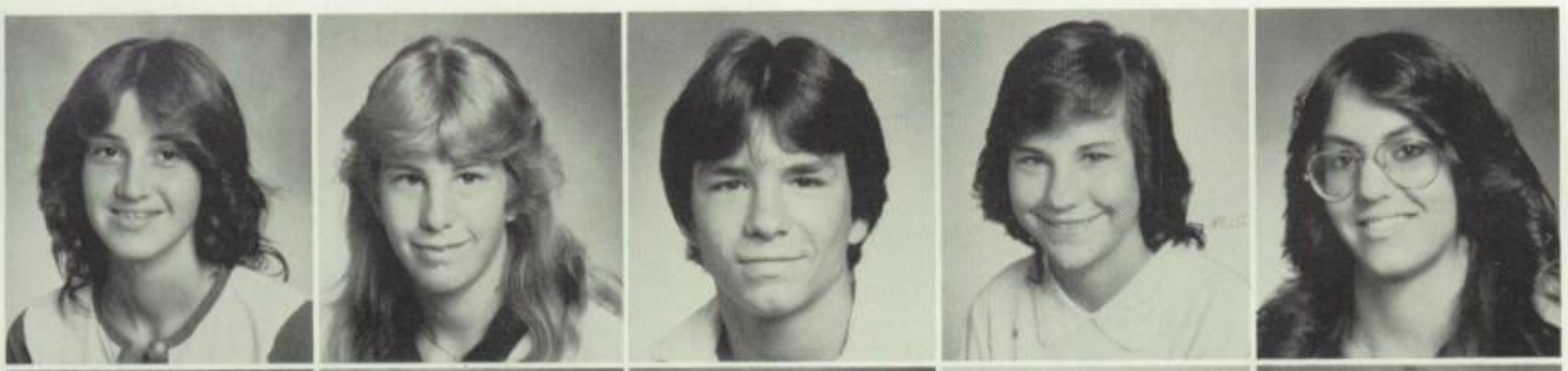
Overcrowding wasn't the only problem associated with large numbers of new students. Discipline and communication often broke down when 40 to 45 students attempted to occupy a classroom with a maximum capacity of 30, and one instructor tried to individualize instruction and maintain some semblance of order and discipline.

After the first quarter Ms. Melody Mitchitell, Freshman Guidance Counselor, was disturbed but not very surprised. 233 of the 483 ninth graders had less than a 2.0 (C) point average and 227 had received at least one "F" on this first report card. She felt too many students in a class and not enough guidance in the early weeks of adjustment were probably two reasons for this poor showing.

Mrs. Lynn McDill, science teacher, agreed. "You lost the student/teacher relationship with large classes. It's not that they're bad kids, or dumb, but you just can't give them the proper attention," she said.

So this past year a new program was initiated to help these freshmen who had met momentary defeat, turn their academic record around. Ms. Mitchitell went into freshman health classes to introduce the various counseling services available to students and then worked with members of the SAC (Student Advisory Council) on helping with small group "rap" sessions for those freshmen students who were experiencing academic or social difficulties. This way she was able to get a little assistance in reducing that gigantic counseling ratio of 1 to 483 to more workable sizes.

North would probably continue to have exceptionally large freshman classes but if course sizes continued to be reduced and guidance and counseling were available from the first day of school, it was hoped we could make things at North more pleasant and educationally profitable. With a bit of luck we might be able to keep all 483 freshmen with us until Graduation, 1986.



Tina Honaker
Christina Hooper
Eric Hopson
Misty Horne
Sherry Houghton

Troy Hughes
Mark Hughett
Richelle Hunter
Samuel Hunter
Ty Hutson

Derrick Jackson
Randy James
Karen Jaquiss
Gary Jeleniewski
Marc Jenkins

Paulette Jenkins
Alicia Johnson
Candy Johnson
John Johnson
Keith Johnson

Kelly Johnson
Paulette Johnson
Tammy Jokich
David Jones
John Jones

Louis Jones
Tyrone Jones
Lisa Joseph
Amanda Joslin
Angie Juliano

Kim Kappel
Ken Karcher
Mark Kaufman
Pam Kenyon
Shannon Kerr

Carol Ketron
James Kiernan
Chris Kinder
Hector King
Kim King

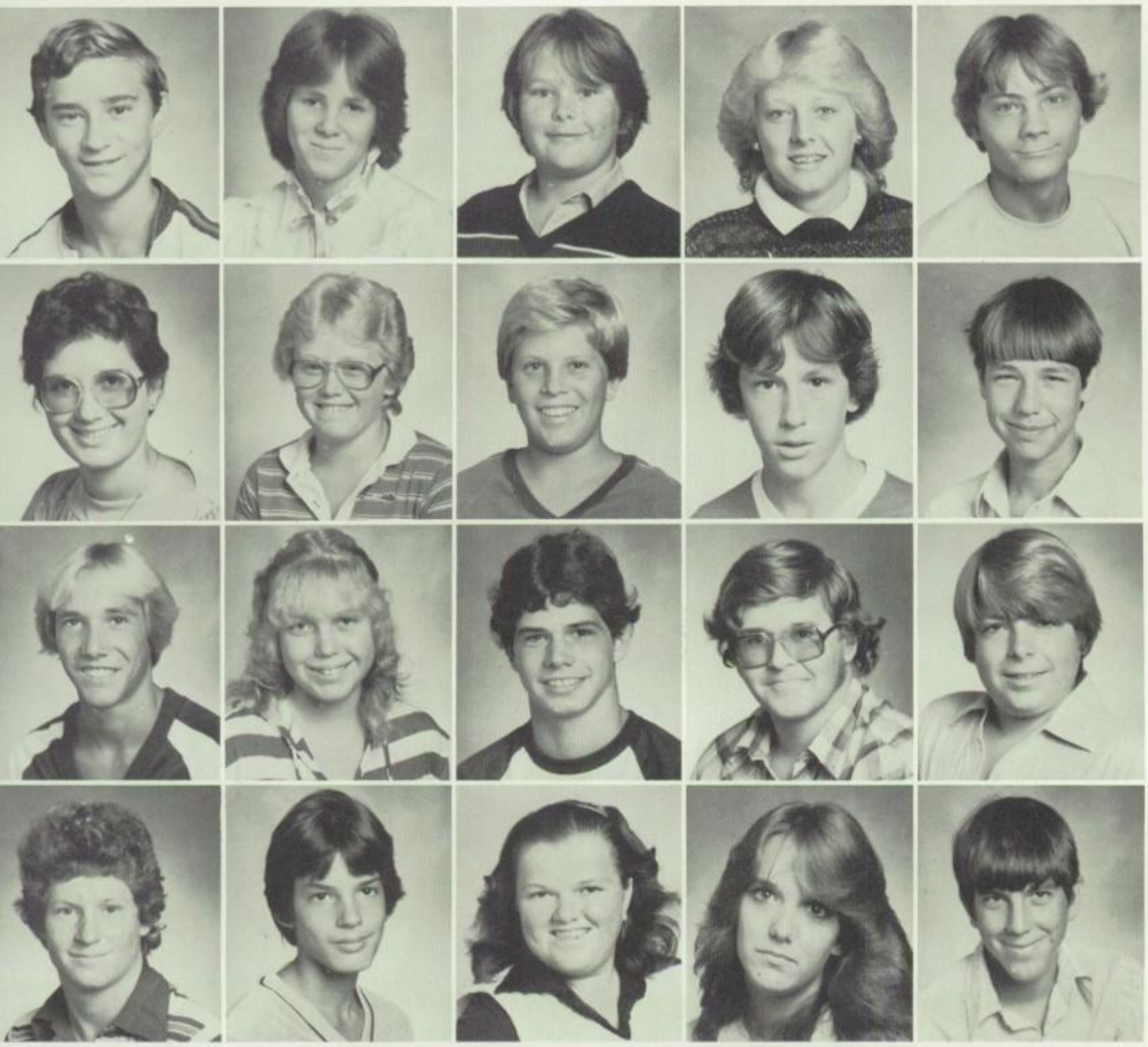
# Step Ahead With Style

Years ago the big decision in buying a pair of "sneakers" was to decide whether to get black or white, high or low cuts. We've "come a long way, baby" and now it was a major decision in life just which brand of sneakers to buy.

The choices were endless: Adidas, Nike, Puma, Etonic Brooks, Kangaroo, Olympiad, Tiger Bata, Pony, Trax, Jordache, or Converse. Each brand offered a complete line of athletic shoes for all purposes. Need a pair for baseball, tennis, jogging, basketball, training, running, raquetball, walking or just everyday casual wear? Did you want nylon, leather, canvas, suede, or mesh uppers? Did you need padded collars, heels, or tongues, vented sides, reinforced eyelets, arch supports, terry liners, or a built in pocket for change? Should your soles and heels be molded or sewed on, have double density, or cleats, and be shock absorbing? Did you want them in black, white, blue, green, yellow, or any other color or combination of colors? Decisions, decisions, decisions.

Red Knights were very cost conscious when buying their sneakers. In 1982-83 the price of basic Nike athletic footwear rose steadily until students found themselves paying upward of $25.00 a pair to get the name and the "swoosh." Jogging shoes were even more expensive as they were constructe with extra padding to absorb shock, built u arch supports, and were made of especiall durable materials. Etonic jogging shoes ha helium pumped into the soles to alleviat some of the shock to the body and thei price soared to $98.00 a pair.

Sneakers were the "in" shoe at Nort High and Nike was the over-whelmin favorite among Red Knights, closel followed by Adidas and Puma. Chosen wit care, checked for comfort, durability, an style, and then worn continually, th sneaker was the backbone of a teenager' wardrobe.



Rodney King
Lori Kingsbury
Ed Kirchner
Michelle Kittle
Duane Klapper

Angie Knolmayer
Julie Koehler
Jeff Kosarich
Robbie Krampen
Steve Kroetsch

Chris Kruger
Barbara Kurth
Dave Kuser
John Lacey
David Lady

Jon Land
Don Landis
Virginia Lawson
Connie Lee
Jeff Lennon

A circle of sneakers . . . which ones were yours?

**1** — During Western Civ, Mark Westra decided to create a minor distraction by skimming a paper airplane across the room. **2** — Finding the flight not so amusing Mr. Jack Bovee wrote Mark up and sent him on a long hike to Dean Bob Trombetti.

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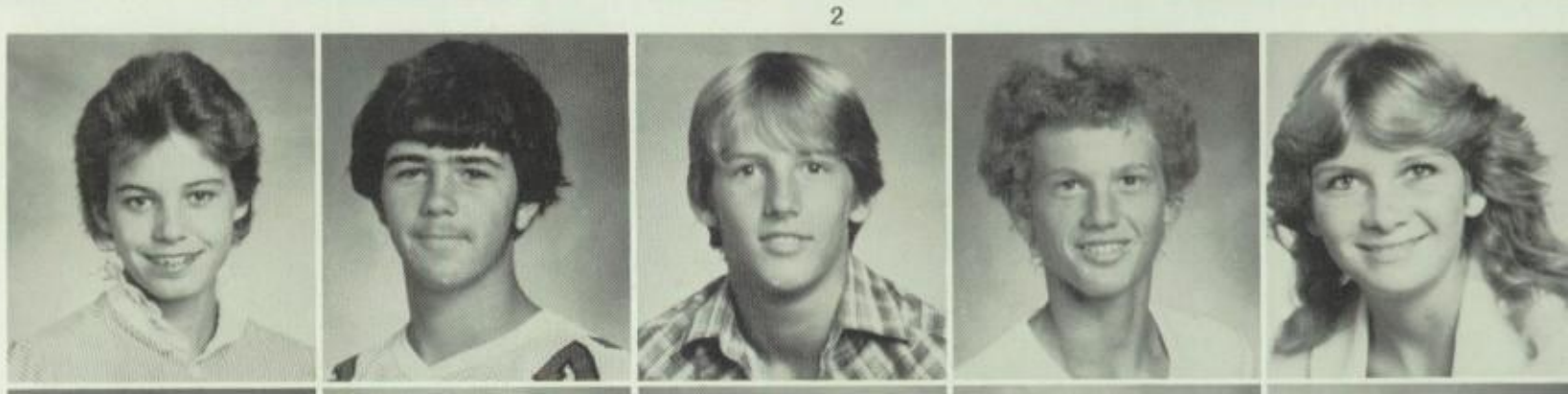
Catherine Lewis
Joseph Ligotti
Chris Lindenmuth
Chad Lingle
Rhonda Lovette



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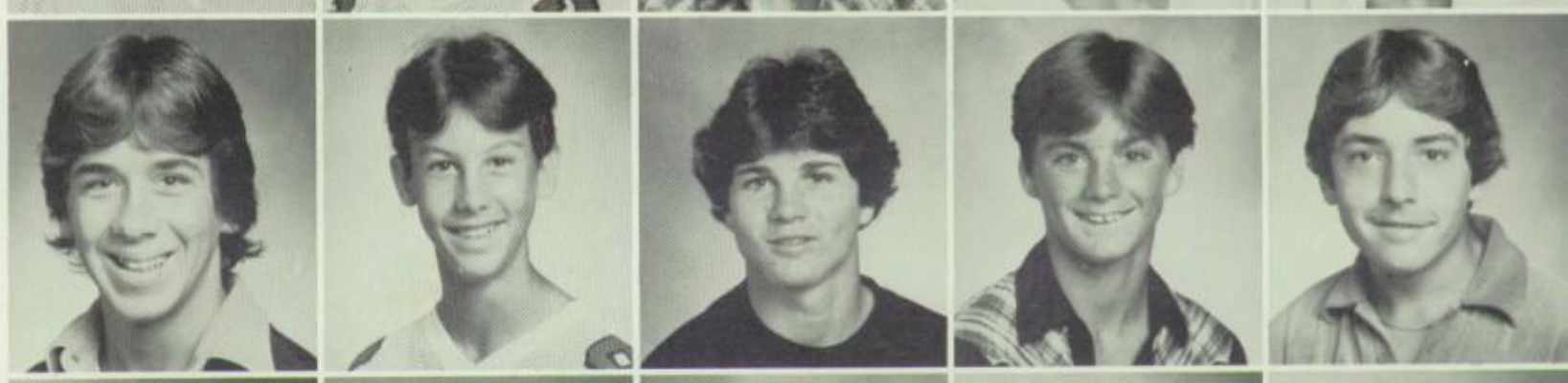
Sean Macdonald
Jim Macha



Kelly Maloy
Brenda Mann
Brian Mansell
Loretta Marinell
Myona Marsh

Bobbi Marshall
Carla Martin
Dwain Martin
Derrick Massey
Reginald Massey

# Anything for a Laugh . . .

especially if it could break up the routine of a class or provide one's peers with a few laughs and moments of diversion. Many people, especially teachers, called these comical distractors by a variety of names, but usually they were referred to as "class clowns."

Wisecracks, strange expressions, sounds, and gestures were the tools of these manipulators of mischief. They always seemed to know how far to push a joke, what reactions to expect from classmates and their teachers, and exactly when to initiate the action and stop it.

It was the exception when the "class clown" went too far and antagonized the instructor. For when this happened and the teacher came down hard or sent the "clown" to the office, his reputation was jeopardized. He or she might lose the title of clown and gain a new one — trouble maker.

Why did the "class clown" perform? Many thought it was to get attention, to have classmates notice them, or to become popular. Others felt it was the expression of a serious need, a cry for help.

For whatever reason, the class clown made class periods pass more quickly. Boring lectures often became laced with laughter, dull movies became more colorful, and monotonous reading assignments became more bearable. The only thing class clowns couldn't make more palatable were tests; teachers made sure there was no fooling around then.

Class clowns weren't always appreciated by all students. Some felt they wasted valuable class time, antagonized the teacher, used other students as the blunt of their jokes, and were generally stupid. "Anyone can act like a first grader" said Toni Cole. "It doesn't mean they are funny, clever, or cute, just obnoxious."

Laurie Coman agreed but she said,"In some classes it's a welcome relief to have at least a chuckle or two; otherwise who can stay awake."

Like it or not, as long as there have been schools, there have been academic cut-ups. So spotlight center stage, bring on the "clowns."

Geneva May
John McClure
Johanna McGovern
Pat McGuire
Heather McIntyre

Tonya McMullen
Edward McNutt
Jack McStravic
Dewey Meekins
Paul Melvin

Edward Mendez
Dawn Merritt
Stephanie Meyer
Bret Meyers
Donna Micele

Loren Miller
Tracey Miller
Scott Minnick
Shelley Missall
Tony Montagnari

Kim Moore
John Morris
Brad Morrison
Debra Morrison
Jody Morrison

Leslie Motter
Barb Muchmore
Donna Muchmore
Billy Murray
John Myatt III

Jennifer Nelson
Gregg Neuville
Wendy Newingham
Jenna Niemi
Jim Nowocin

Diana Null
Alfie Oakes
Judith Olson
Tricia Orstrom
Angella Osborne

# "Smoky" Situation

"I was just holding it for a friend," was a common saying among many North High students who found themselves sitting in Dean Virginia Cassell's or Dean Robert Trombetti's office, waiting to take a three-day vacation.

North High administrators were very consistent in handling offenders of the School Board's "No Smoking Policy." It stated clearly that any student found smoking or even holding a lit cigarette would be automatically suspended from school for three days and all who dared and were caught at North were treated equally.

Controversy among students always has surrounded the "No-Smoking Policy." Most students with the cigarette habit felt they should have the right to light up before school, between classes, or during their lunch break. They compared their nicotine cravings to those of faculty members who had the right to satisfy their cigarette "needs" during the school day in the teachers' lounge. Over many years these students had pleaded for a smoking area of their own, forgetting the State Law which read "Tobacco and related tobacco products shall not be sold to anyone under the age of 18."

Students who did not smoke were equally vocal on the subject. One Red Knight disgusted over smokers use of the school restrooms as their smoking area, stated "Smoking has been proven bad for your health to begin with and students that use the restrooms for smoking areas contaminate the air for us non-smokers plus making them dirty, unsanitary places for their intended purposes." Another non-smoker agreed but went on to say, "Give them a smoking area, just get them away from our restrooms and us non-smokers."

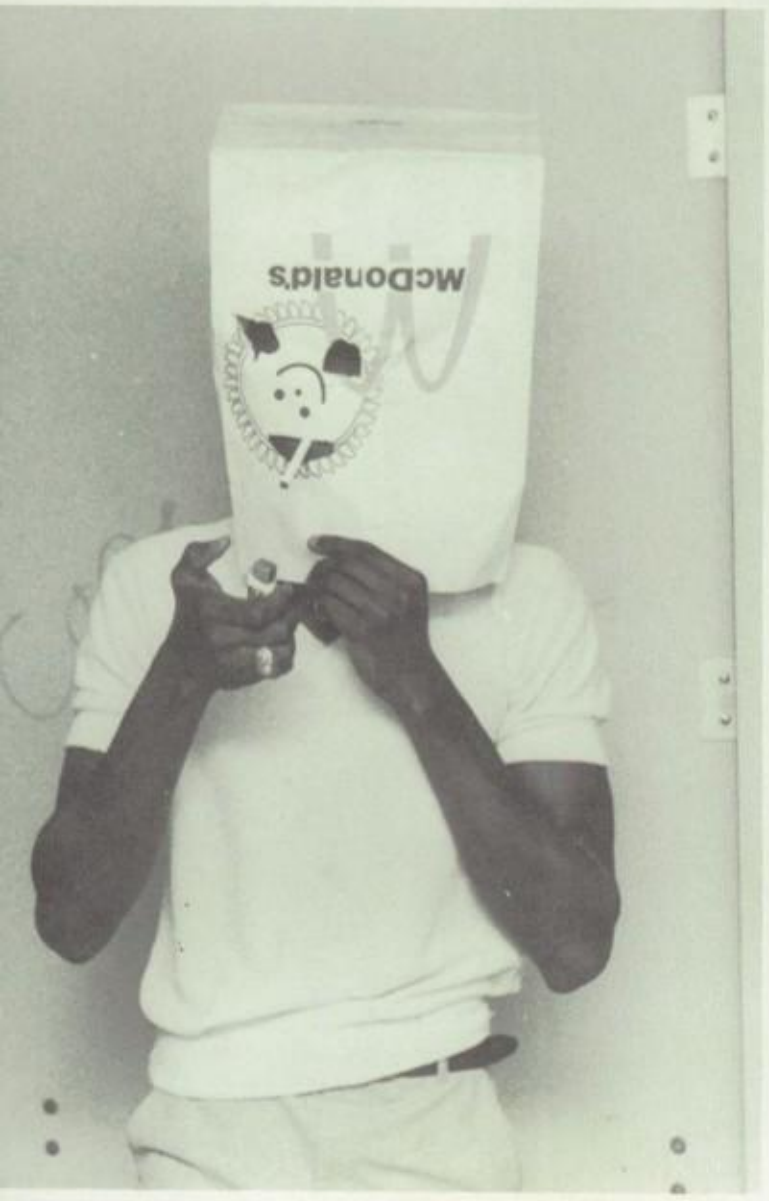
It was doubtful the School Board and North's Administrators would change policy so . . . Smokers Beware . . . When you light up on campus you take a big risk . . . 3 days suspension. Was the puff on a cigarette really worth it?

Debbie Otero
Kecia Outley
Richard Overholt
Kathy Pacowta
Jodi Palmer

Mike Panio
Stephanie Paparesta
Cindy Park
Paul Parker
Lizette Patterson

Lisa Payne
Rhonda Pearson
Junior Peck
Calvin Peete Jr.
Antoinette Peppenelli

Charles Pierce
Doug Pierce
Randy Pierce
Richard Pointke
Jamie Porter

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**1** — The "unknown smoker" took a chance and lit up in the bathroom during a break in his class. **2** — What every Red Knight smoker needed, a North High ashtray: ceramic tile and drain plate.

**1** — Smiling thus proudly showing their orthodontics, were Chris Beckos, Jason Cash and Monica Haggard. **2** — Checking his metal works in the mirror after lunch became a routine task for Todd Oliver.

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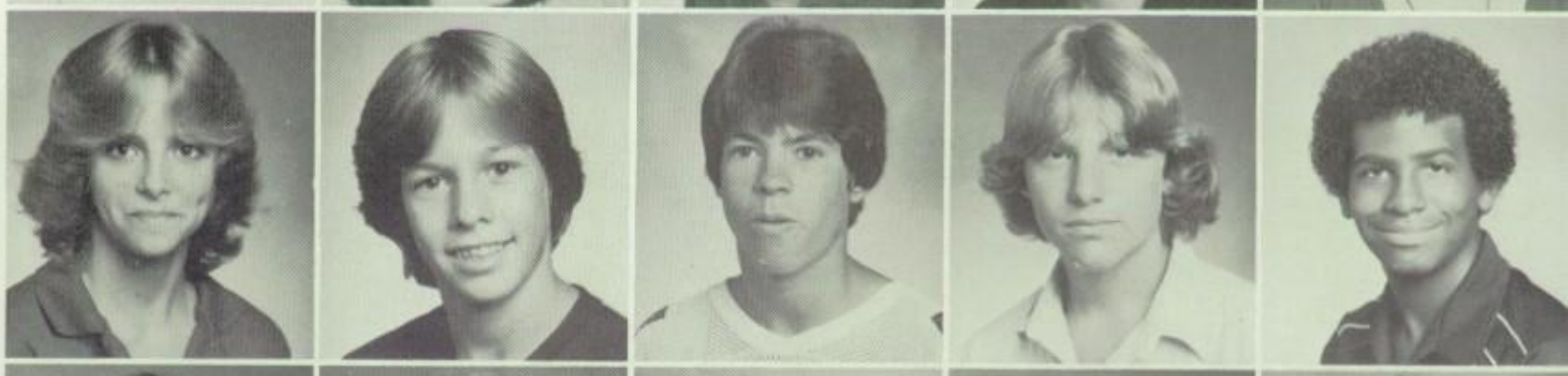
Cynthia Powell
Valerie Powell
Cheryl Prince
Matt Pritchard
Penny Quetel

Christy Ratliff
Brett Rawson
Lyle Raymond
Brad Recore
Dexter Redden



Christy Reinhold
Ron Reis
Todd Restum
Lisa Retherford
Lynn Rhodes

Sandi Rice
Melanie Rich
Debbie Roberts
Rhonda Roberts
Karen Ross

# "Tin Grins"

People with braces were no longer referred to as "metal mouths." Instead "tin gums" were in! Look around, it seemed at least half the students at North High sported braces on their teeth or had previously been under treatment by an orthodontist.

Orthodontia, the branch of dentistry concerned with correcting and preventing irregularities of the teeth, quickly had become a part of the family budget for many Red Knight families. Not only children, but many parents found their mouths encased in wires, bands, brackets, and cement as people became more conscious of their appearance and the importance of aligned teeth in chewing and thus the digestive process.

Years ago young people worried about their looks when in braces. They swore they'd never smile again and often talked from behind their hands placed strategically in front of their mouths. No more, now it was almost a symbol of being a member of the "in crowd" to have one's smile sparkle metally.

Modern materials and regular check-ups were designed to help keep braces and teeth in good condition and repair. Students hated some of the "NO-NO's" set down by their orthodontist, such as no popcorn, no ice chewing, no Doritos, no carrots, and no apples, but they knew the end result would be more than worth the trouble. "It's great to look in the mirror now and see a mouth of nice white straight teeth instead of a mouth full of metal," said Tony Acitelli, after finally getting his braces off.

Only one student seemed a bit upset about her upcoming new braces. Her boyfriend wore them too and she wondered about the meeting of metal over a good-night kiss. No worry said a more worldly senior. "You learn to adjust."

So open your mouth and let's see your "tin grin," braces are just another fashion accessory of the eighties.

Melissa Rowan
Holly Rowe
Jill Rubinstein
Lynda Rudd
Ada Rummans

Frank Rutkowski
Amy Schafer
Linda Schoonover
Jacque Schulte
Che Se

Margaret Seeley
Scott Seymour
Laura Shaw
Carrena Sheene
Mike Sheffield

Susan Shepard
Philip Sheppard
Scott Shore
Dawn Siford
Shelly Simons

Mark Singletary
Leo Singleton
Margie Singleton
Amy Slabinski
Andy Smith

Eddie Smith
Steve Smith
Wendell Smith
Lee Snyder
Tina Spitaliere

Tammy Sprigle
Michele Stalter
Greg Stanford
Esther Stannard
Melissa Stephens

Anessa Stevens
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# Awesome Vals

"Barf-out," "Gag-me-with-a-spoon," "Like totally!" was just some of the new language imported to North High from the San Fernando Valley suburbs of California. This new language, called "Val-Speak," spread across the U.S.A. and took teen populations by storm.

Thanks to a hit record "Valley Girl" by Moon Unit Zappa, this craze in language, life style, and dress style became the rage. Vals were everywhere, uttering their new lingo with a bubbling breathlessness, a stretched out emphasis on words with "o" sound, a trace of preppy lockjaw, and long rolling "urs." Dressed in ruffled, tuxedo, or sweat shirts atop mini skirts, knickers, or nylon shorts and every kind of wild, colorful footwear, the Vals walked around Edison or Bell Tower Malls in pursuit of their favorite off campus hobby, shopping. In and out of shops they darted, popping their gum, and exclaiming over the latest fashion styles for school or recreation.

The guys were not left out. Valley dudes wore "O.P." or rock concert t-shirts over jogging shorts or swim trunks with no socks and tennis shoes. Their hair style still tended to be on the "long" side but more popped gum than puffed on cigarettes.

True Vals were not usually the athletic types. The girls were content to limit their exercise to shopping, painting their finger-or-toe-nails with wild colors, or dancing, while the boys hit the beaches or the water skis when not watching the gals with bobtail or modified Farrah Fawcett hairdos.

A dead give-a-way to the girl who thought of herself as a Val or wanted others to consider her one, besides her different language and way out clothes, was the way she dotted the "i" in words. Vals always used a little circle.

For those not in the "know" or those who want to understand a friend who has affected this new way of speaking, the Lance's Valley Girl, Jennifer Kniestedt compiled this Val-Speak Dictionary. Have fun!

Airhead: Someone totally dumb.
Awesome: Too good to be true.
Barf me out: That's disgusting!
Bag it: Forget it.
Bag your face: The put down of all put downs. You're ugly, scram!
Beastie: Someone physically, socially or physically unacceptable.
Beige: Boring, for sure.
Fer Sure: Really, for sure.
Gag-me-with-a-spoon: I can't believe it!
Grody: The worst, disgusting.
Joanie: Stupid and out of date.
Ohmigod: To be said quickly, for something weird or when you can't believe.
Space Cadet: Somebody who is square, as if from another planet.
Totally: In every way.
Tubular: Almost too good to be true.

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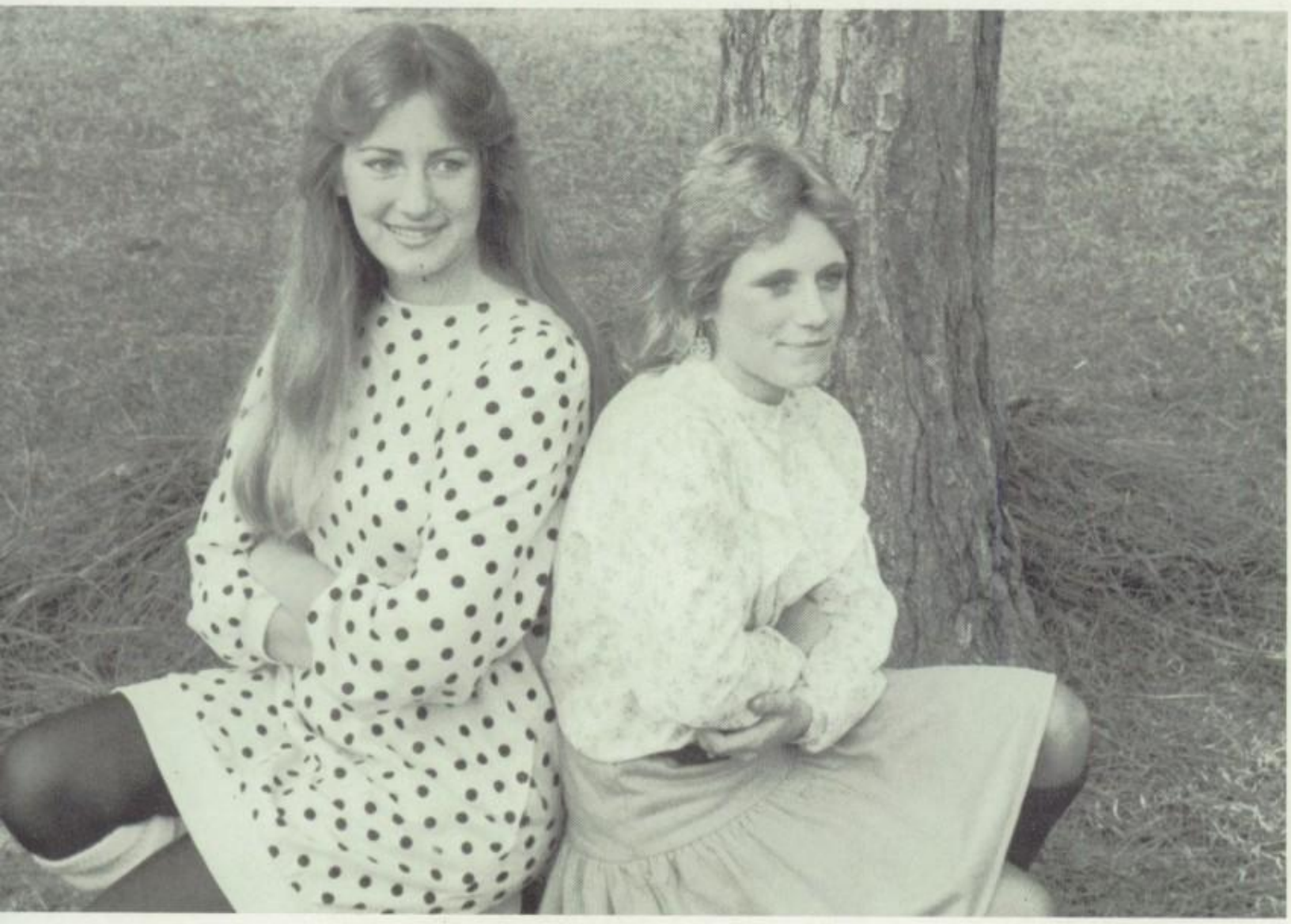

North's gift to the "Valley Girl" craze posed for a moment on the campus.

Caught in a favorite meeting spot on campus, engaging in conversation and their favorite pastime, chewing were Scott Snyder, Robert Hammesfhar, Jamie Porter, Jimmy Hepp, Paul Macdonald, and Linda Smith.

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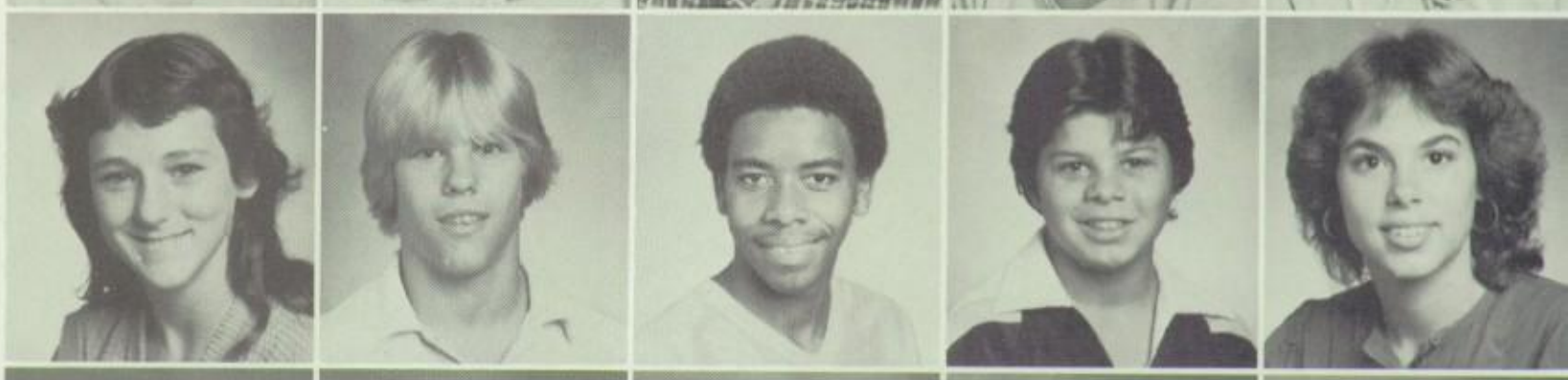

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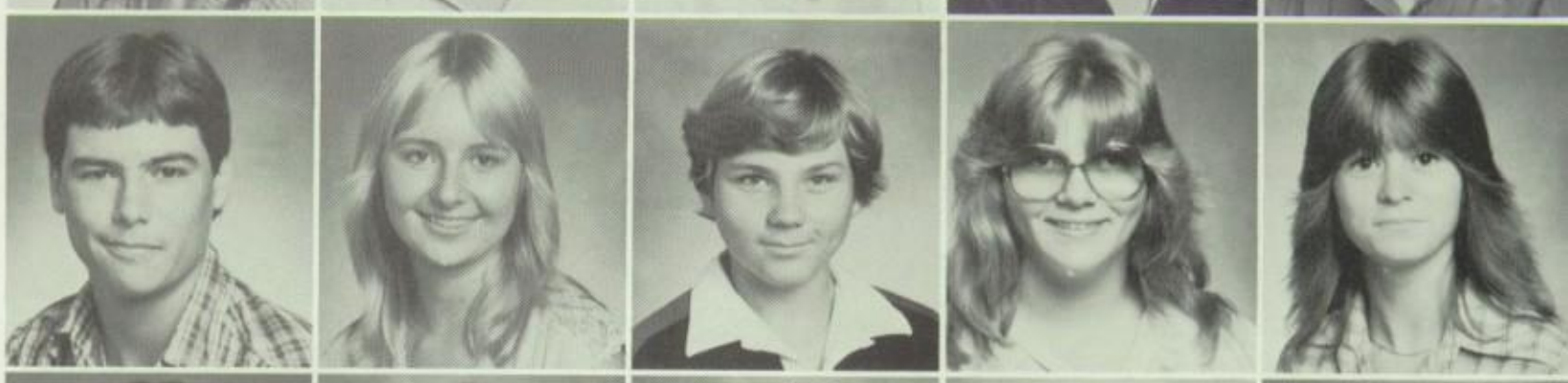

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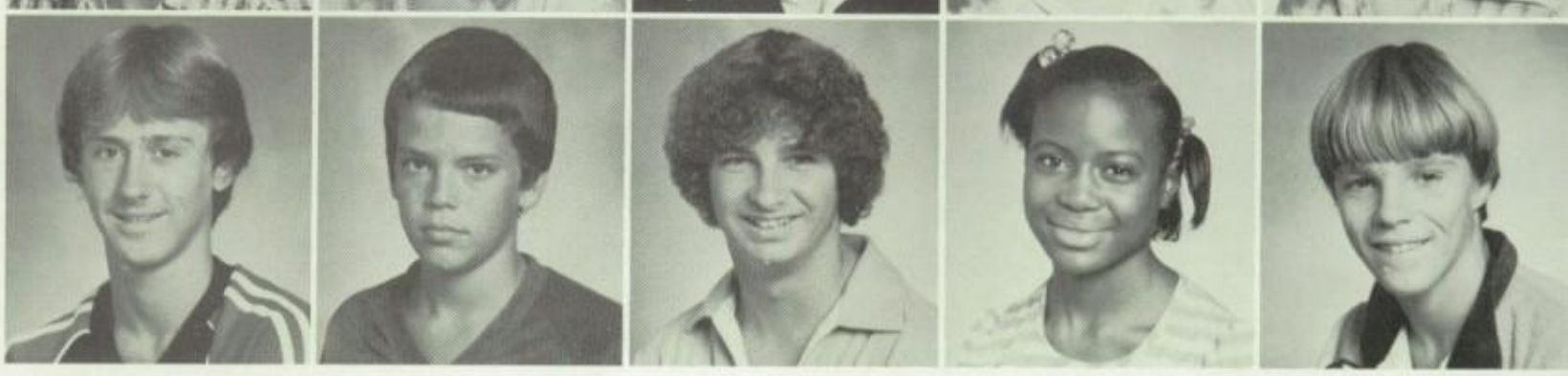

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# Just A Pinch

Some baseball players, many of North's "Rednecks" and Mr. Ted Ferreira, Driver's Ed teacher and Varsity Baseball Coach, all had something in common. They all participated in "chewing."

That well-known pouch carried in the back pocket of jeans or a shirt pocket was the first sign of a user of this smokeless form of tobacco. Nationwide commercials and televised major league baseball games had done a great deal in promoting this habit into an aspect of the macho image. More and more young people were seen with a chipmunk-like bulge in their cheek, and North's students were no exception.

Although chewing was not allowed on North's campus, a few "tell-tale signs" appeared periodically to lend credence to the rumor some Knights were sneaking a chew before school or during lunch. It was often suggested that a few well-placed spittoons would help keep pathways and sidewalks clear of ugly brown blotches.

Many of the "chewers" saw this use of tobacco as a way of enjoying the kick of cigarettes without the accompanying health hazards and air pollution. They said it helped to quiet their nerves and kept saliva flowing freely in their mouths, especially during a rodeo or nine innings of baseball.

The American Cancer Society disagreed with the students' opinions that chewing was not a health hazard. They pointed to dental problems, bad breath, diminished sense of taste and smell, addiction to nicotine, raised heart rate and blood pressure, and an increased risk of cancer of the mouth and throat as problems among prolonged users.

Another trend that began to catch on at North was dipping. It differed from chewing in that it was just a pinch of powdered tobacco placed between the gum and the lip. It gave the "nicotine high" without the messiness of chewing.

More and more girls took up the habit of chewing or at least dipping this past year. Some stated that boys often told them they shouldn't chew, it wasn't feminine, but they didn't seem to care. Senior Scott Brown commented, "I'm a little old fashioned. It really turns me off to see a girl chew." His companions agreed.

Both males and females at North who had the habit ignored the comments and just enjoyed. Their big decision was just what brand of chew to buy: Union Station, Workhorse, Red Man, Beech-Nut, or Levi Garret, or what kind of dip: Happy Days, Skoal, or Copenhagen. Did you have a preference in 1982-83?

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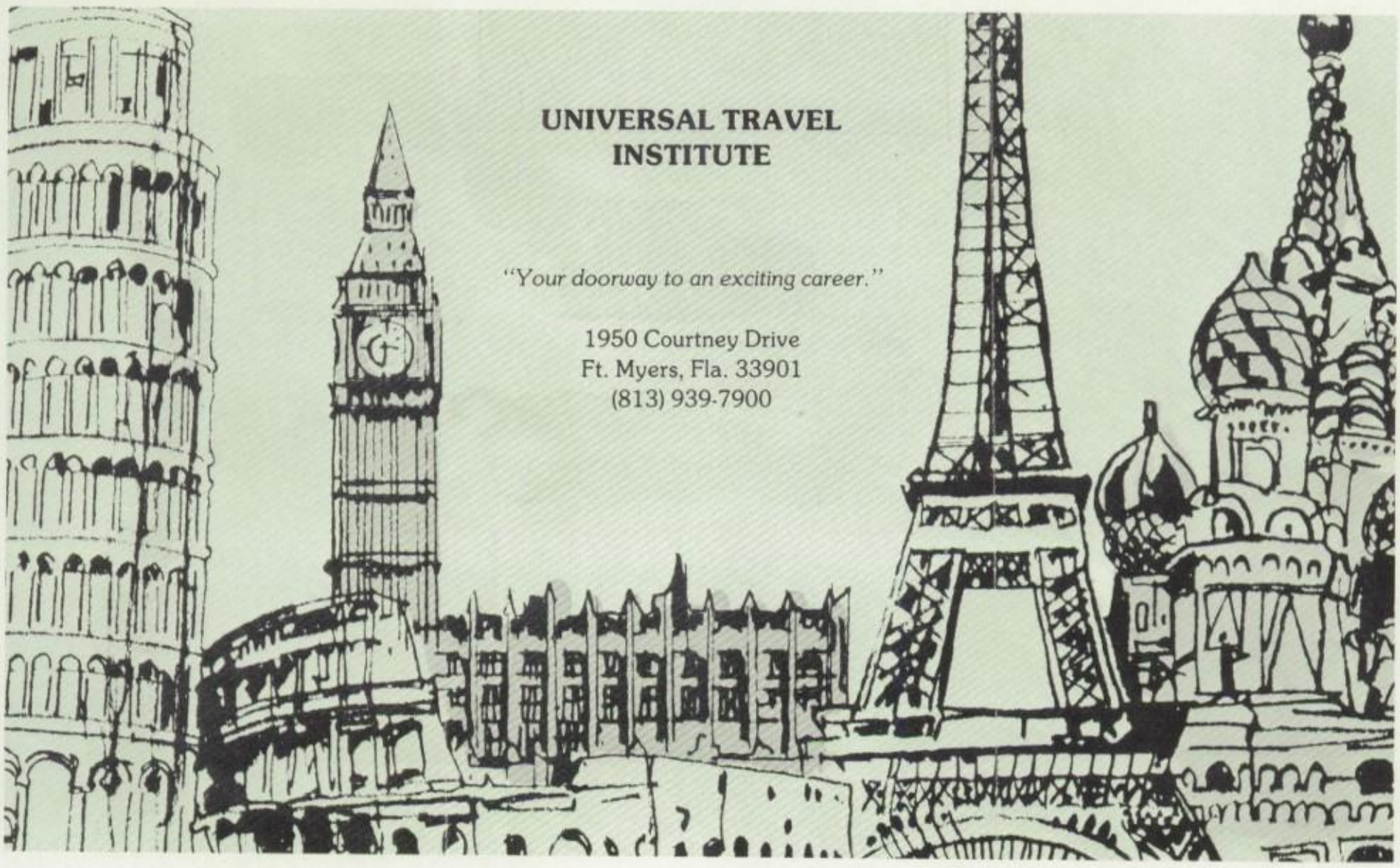


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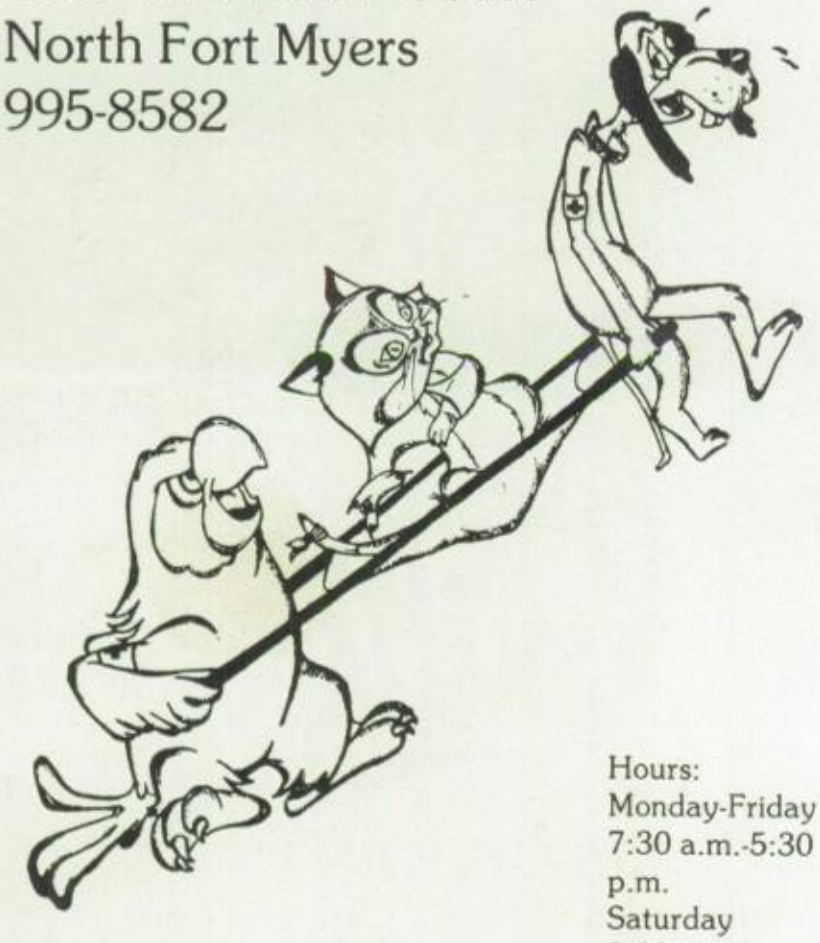

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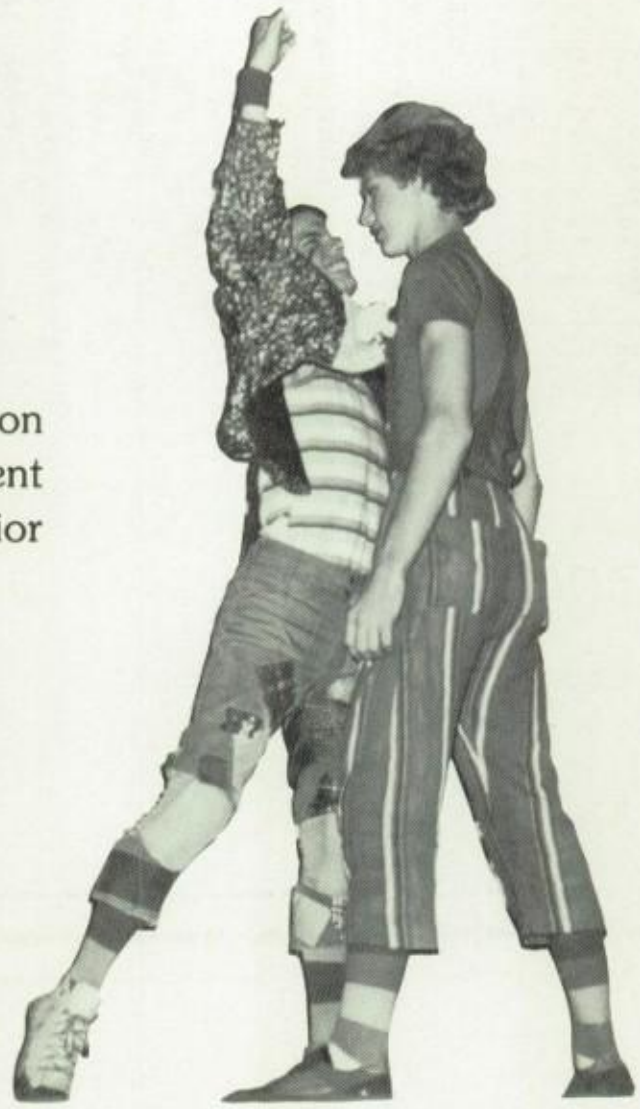

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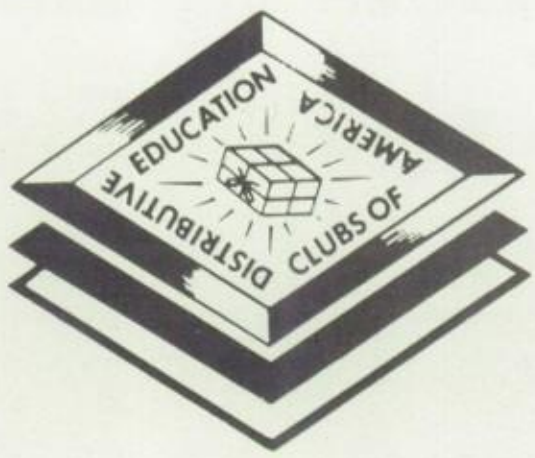


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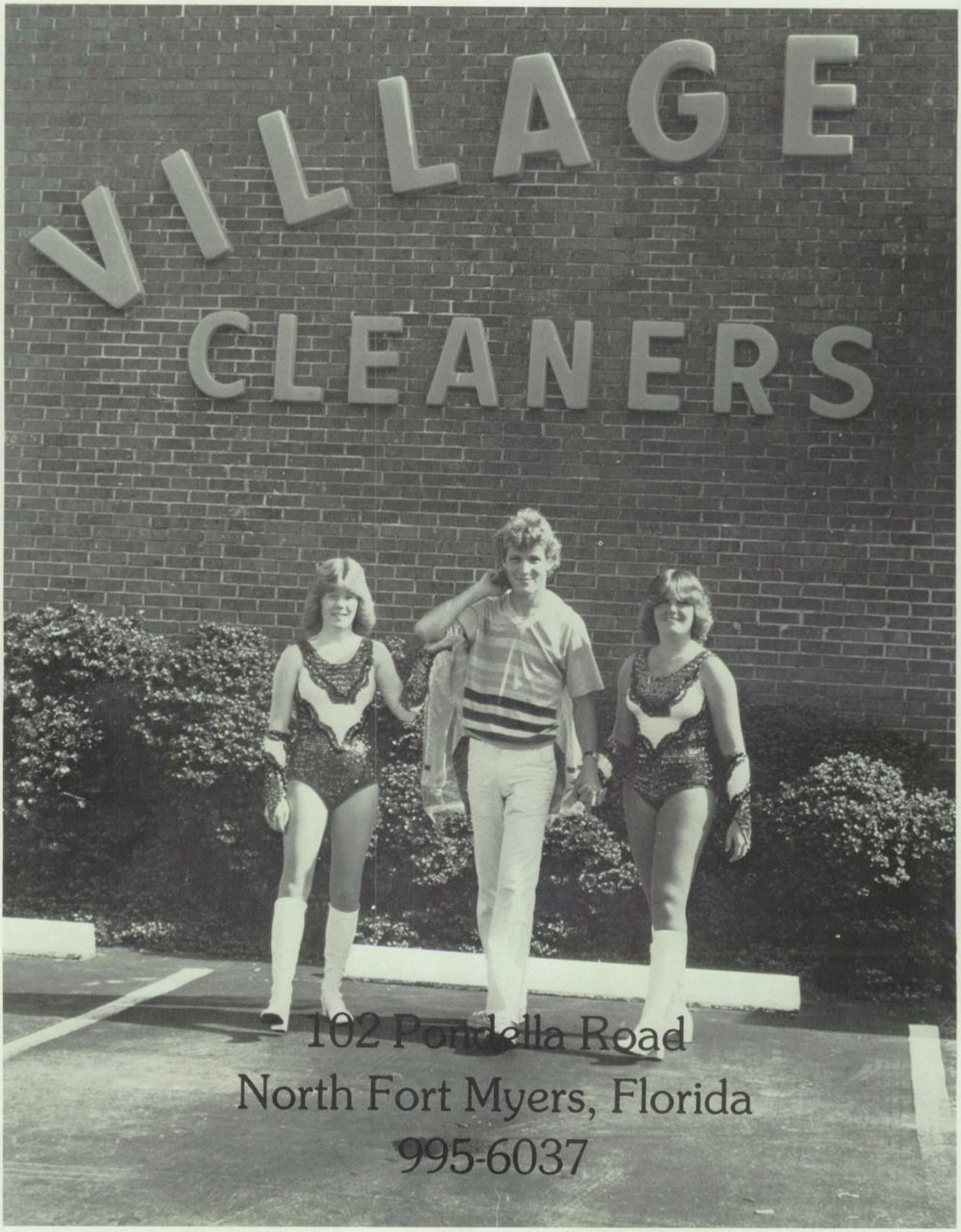



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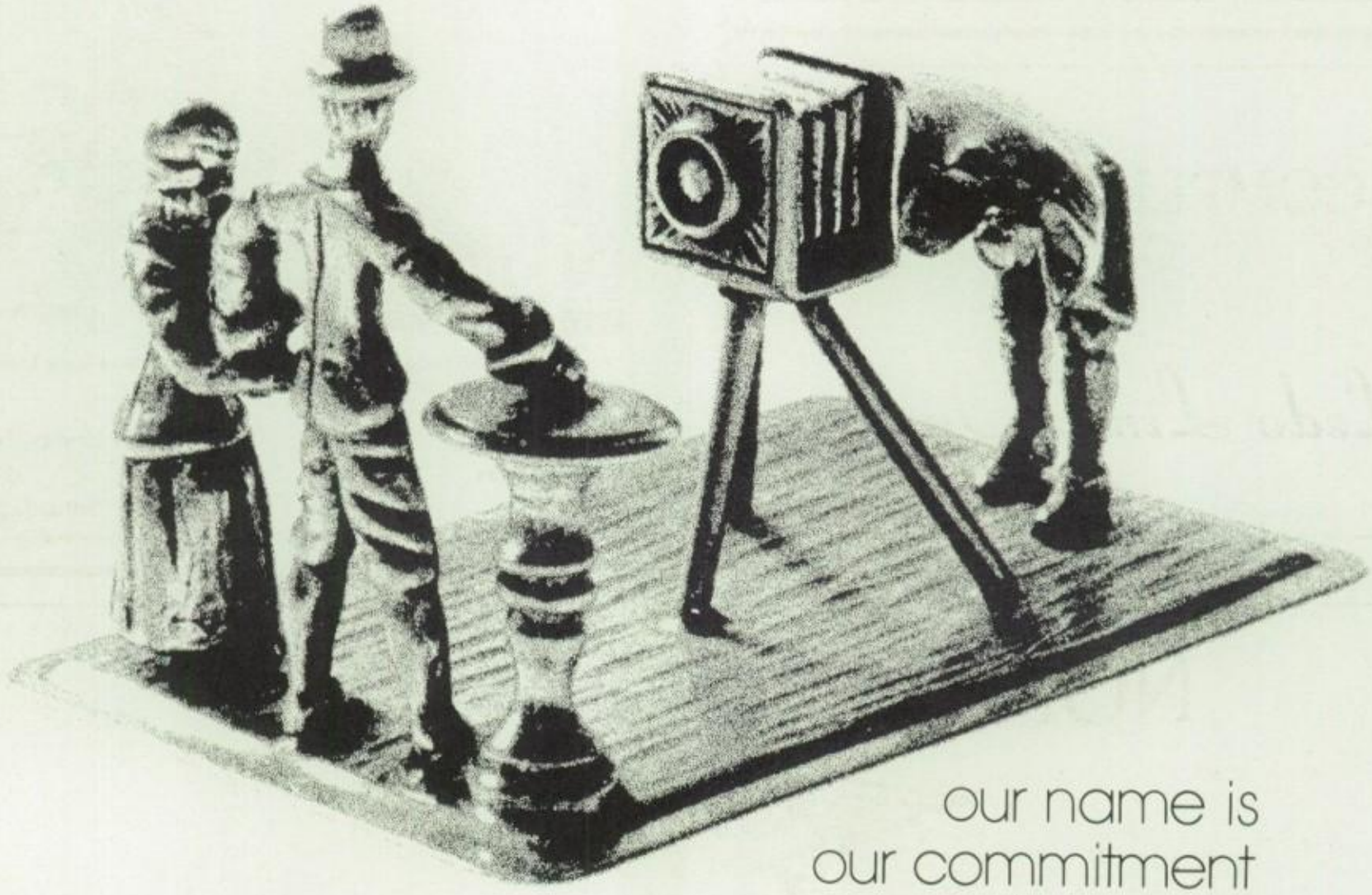

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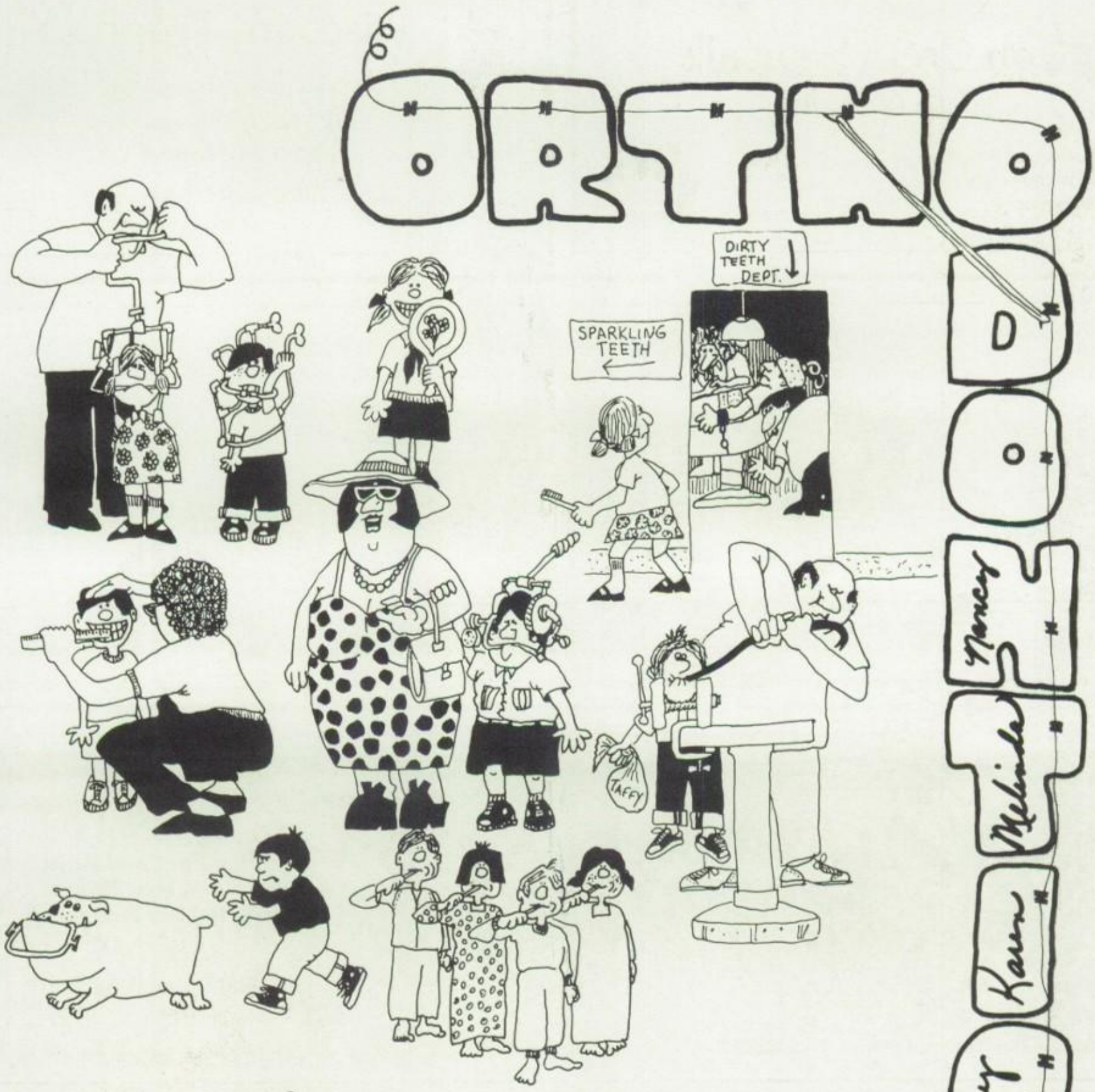
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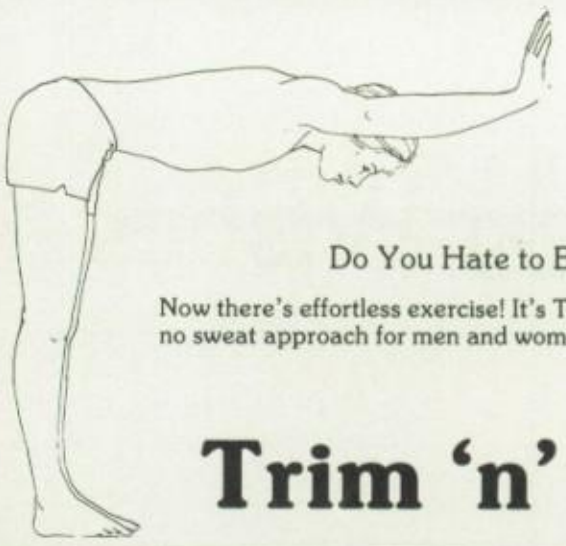

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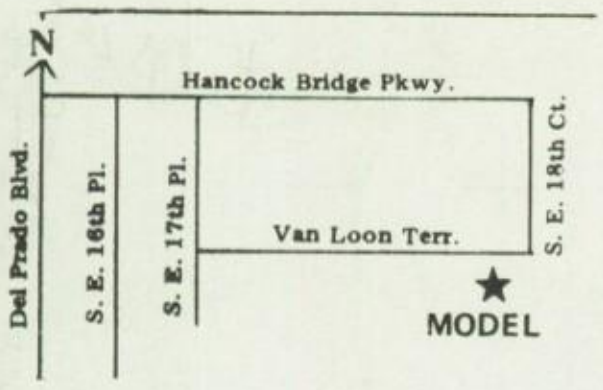


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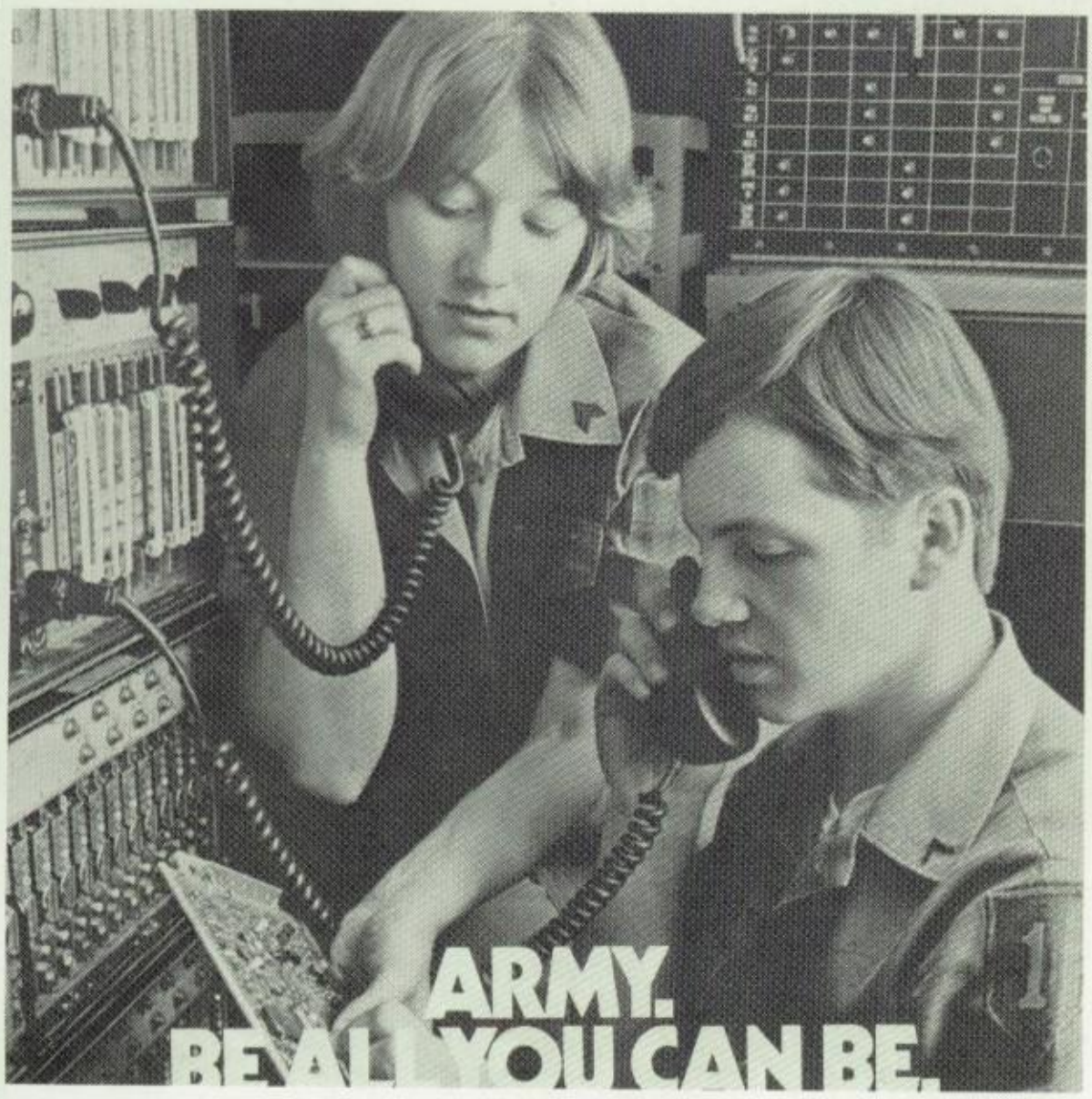


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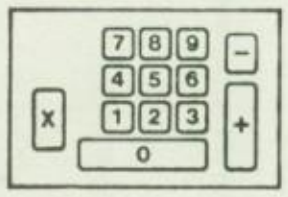


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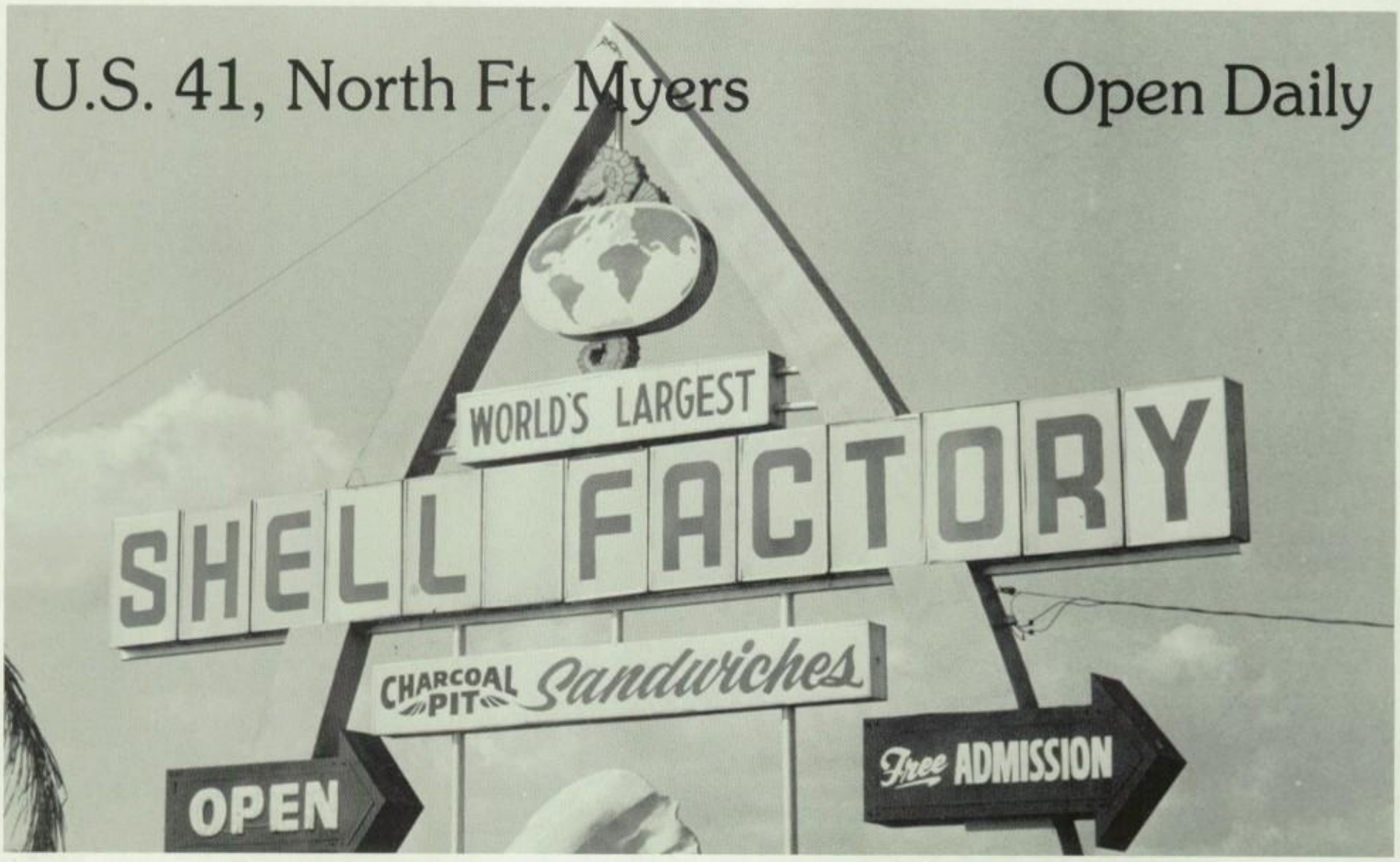

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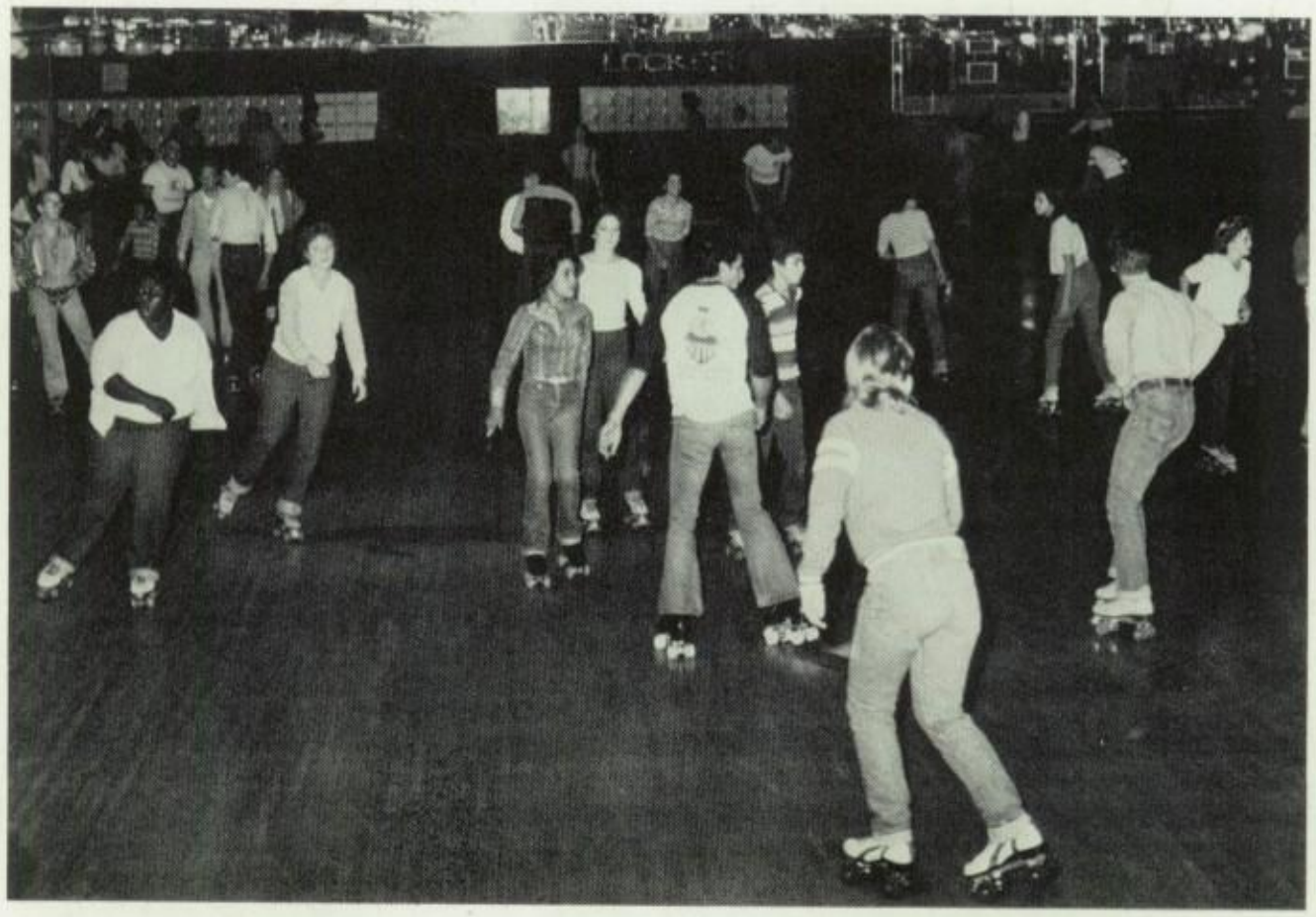

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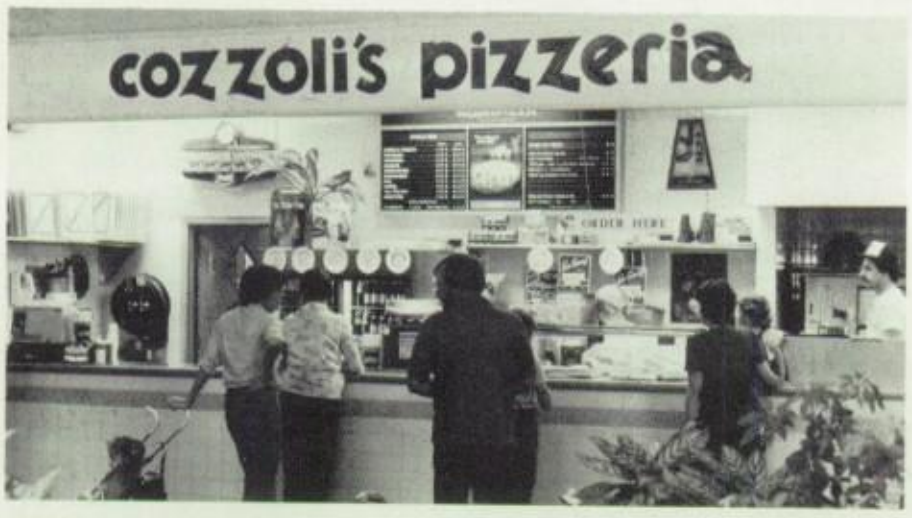


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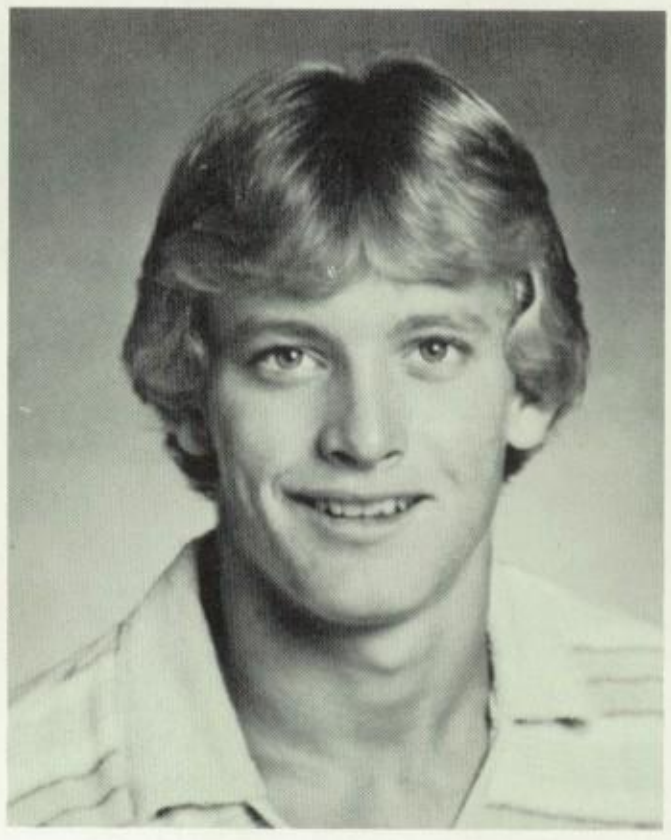

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Oh Lord, we all expected so much of him. Shoot, I was just getting used to the kid at short stop with his magic glove, and chew in his mouth.

How will we get over someone who has been so special that it didn't matter if you were a redneck, black, prep-pie, freak, or teacher, you Loved him!

Joey you are gone, we can't bring you back no matter how hard we try. You have touched us like no one else could.

Somehow we must go on and try to remember all that you have taught us, like how to smile, how to be nice, and how to care for everyone. Please Lord take care of our friend. We are very sad that you needed him more than we did.

The only good thing that came from this is that we will no longer fear death. When we die we can once again be happy because we will see Joey!

Lynn Hinkle

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His Friends

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# Story of Excalibur

In a time past there lived a great king of England named Uther Pendragon. King Uther had been at war with the Duke of Cornwall. The Duke was slain in battle and, in an offering of peace, King Uther married Igraine the widow of the Duke of Cornwall. Upon doing so, he accepted the Duke's two daughters, Margause and Morgan LeFay as his own.

Months passed and there was born unto King Uther a boy child. The happiness of the child's birth soon turned to grief, for the child was given to Merlin the Magician as payment for a great service done for King Uther. Grieved by the loss of her child, Igraine asked her husband to retrieve the child from Merlin. Loving her as he did, King Uther could not refuse; he mounted his horse and rode from the castle to seek Merlin.

During his search, King Uther was attacked by a band of evil knights who wished to gain possession of the great sword that was worn by his side. It had been written that the one who possessed the sword would be king. During the battle the great king was fatally wounded, but he took the magical sword and drove it through a stone, before he died.

Having witnessed this scene, Merlin continued on his way to the house of Sir Ector, to whom Merlin gave the child. The child of King Uther and Igraine was christened Arthur and was raised as the brother of Sir Ector's son, Kary.

For years after Uther's death England was without a king. Many knights tried to take the throne of England yet none could.

When Arthur was still a child, a great jousting tournament was held where all the knights of England gathered to try to become king by pulling the sword from the stone. Sir Ector and his two sons attended the tournament. Sir Kay was now a knight and would try his

By Timothy Sands

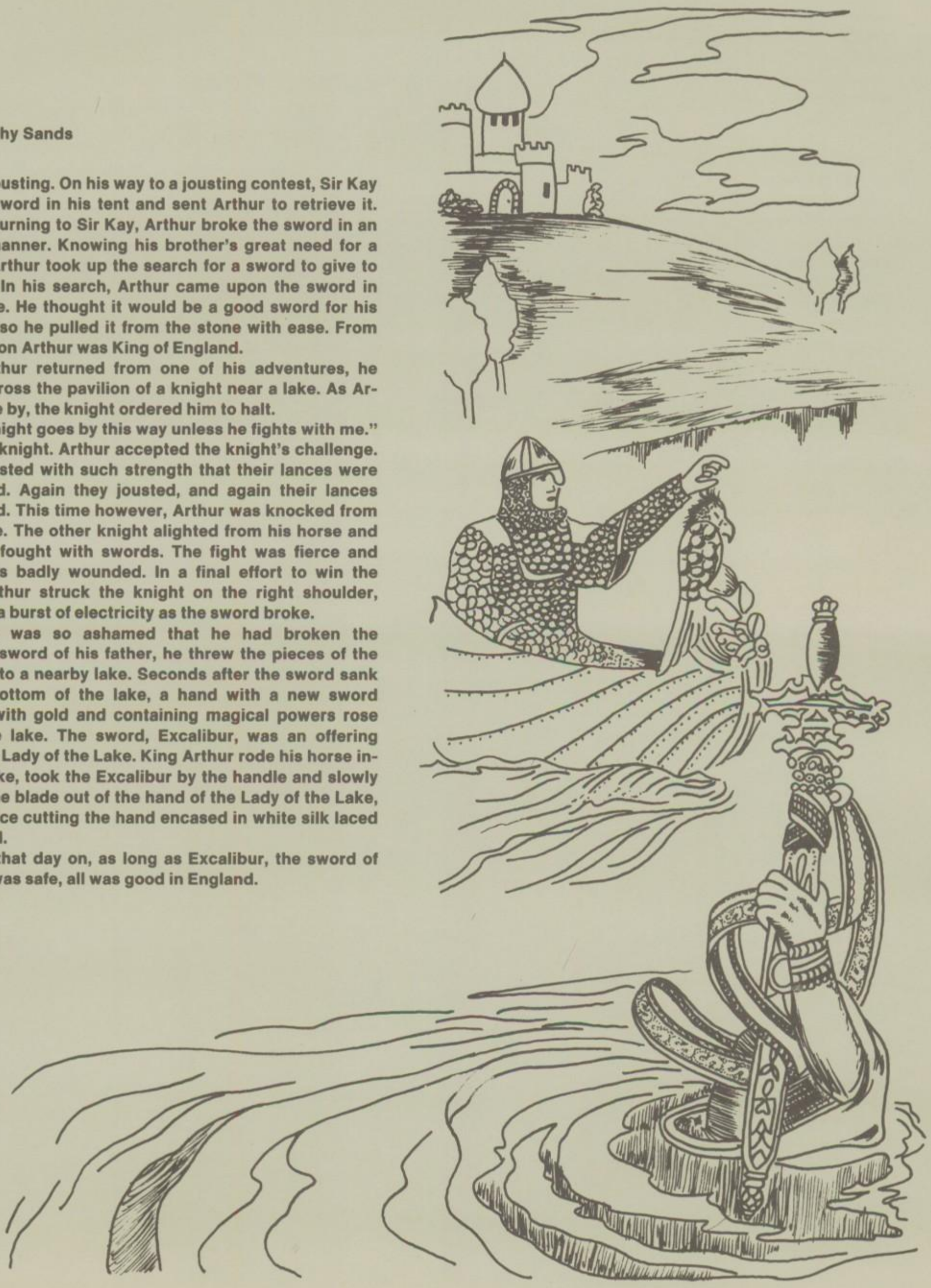
luck at jousting. On his way to a jousting contest, Sir Kay left his sword in his tent and sent Arthur to retrieve it. Upon returning to Sir Kay, Arthur broke the sword in an unjust manner. Knowing his brother's great need for a sword, Arthur took up the search for a sword to give to Sir Kay. In his search, Arthur came upon the sword in the stone. He thought it would be a good sword for his brother, so he pulled it from the stone with ease. From that day on Arthur was King of England.

As Arthur returned from one of his adventures, he came across the pavilion of a knight near a lake. As Arthur rode by, the knight ordered him to halt.

"No knight goes by this way unless he fights with me." said the knight. Arthur accepted the knight's challenge. They jousted with such strength that their lances were shattered. Again they jousted, and again their lances shattered. This time however, Arthur was knocked from his horse. The other knight alighted from his horse and the two fought with swords. The fight was fierce and each was badly wounded. In a final effort to win the fight, Arthur struck the knight on the right shoulder, causing a burst of electricity as the sword broke.

Arthur was so ashamed that he had broken the magical sword of his father, he threw the pieces of the sword into a nearby lake. Seconds after the sword sank to the bottom of the lake, a hand with a new sword etched with gold and containing magical powers rose from the lake. The sword, Excalibur, was an offering from the Lady of the Lake. King Arthur rode his horse into the lake, took the Excalibur by the handle and slowly pulled the blade out of the hand of the Lady of the Lake, never once cutting the hand encased in white silk laced with gold.

From that day on, as long as Excalibur, the sword of Arthur, was safe, all was good in England.



# Do You Remember?

By
Tammy Griffin

do you remember . . .
the sunset, the mountain, echo lake?
it was nature, it was us
the beginning
beautiful and simple
appreciated

do you remember . . .
how we blossomed and bloomed?
carefree, sharing
the best, the worst, the excitements, the interests
the thrills, the chills, the fears
a shoulder to lean on, a shoulder to lend
dependent on each other
yet oblivious to none

do you remember . . .
our skits and schemes
no nukes, our dreams
harr krishna, CSN, weekends in Maine?
warmed by the ultimate friendship
with the aid of a campfire and
our summer loves
our mottoes, we might as well
never had such a good time

we were just moonbeams on the
ray of life
but . . . our co-ordinates were lost
and surely
it looked like rain

do you remember . . .
the times?
quiet times, noisy times, our times
not enough time — ticked away, away
dissolved into memories
our crystal hearts
crackled
then shattered into myriads of splinters
drops of emotion, tears
hollowness, emptiness

do you remember . . .
I left
you remained — with our friendship?
both of us lost
lost in the painful adieus numbing our
thoughts

why?
does anyone know why?
do you remember? can you remember
do you care to remember?

life has its ups
its downs
and I want you to remember
the ups
remember, my friend
I'll love you forever

# Friends Gone

By
Tammy Saucier

I've seen friends come I've seen friends go,
I know how painful it is to grow.
The friends I've loved but left behind,
My autograph book, they all did sign.

I took that book from the drawer one day,
Picked it up, brushed the dust away.
It touched my heart, I read, I sighed,
And all at once a tear came to my eye.

I've learned we all must grow big or small;
We all must grow straight and tall;
We all must grow to face new fears
And leave the old ones behind with tears.

I speak the truth, I tell no lie.
We all must grow; We all must cry!

# Friends

By
Jamie Black

Friends are people who care.
Friends are people who are always there.

Friends are like you,
beautiful as the morning dew.
Friends are people who love and share.
Friends are people who show they care.

Friends may vary from place to place,
But, friends will always have smiles on their faces.

Friends are people who give
Friends are people who help you live.

Friends are like watching the flight of a dove.
Friends are always giving out love.

Friends are like flowers that bloom everyday.
Friends are beautiful in a way.

Friends are people who know what it's about.
Friends are people who try and reach out.

Friends are people, don't you see?
Friends are forever, like you and me.

## My Little Friend By Paula Wilson

Curl your little fingers in mine,
And follow me close behind.
Climb over the hills with me,
And we'll learn together happily.
We'll climb the missing steps of the ladder,
Besides getting to the top nothing will matter.
We'll give each other strength,
To walk the road of everlasting length.
We'll be together until the end,
And you'll always be, my little friend.

## My Fear By Julie Beattie

My largest fear is being alone,
Having nothing to call my own.
Having no one to care,
Or no one's burdens to share
If I had nothing to hold on to,
I'd be so lonely, and blue.
If I had no one to hold dear.
Life would mean nothing,
and this is what I fear.

## Free By Cassie Kohn

I've seen you make a wish on a star,
Not really caring if it came true.
You're a dreamer, you speak to the sky,
And gaze at the heavens.
Being unique you fly among the clouds,
Hardly ever coming down.
You're a warm and caring friend,
Bringing happiness wherever you go.
Although at times you hit bottom,
Only more determined to each your goal.
You admit to being "only human,"
And accept it with love.
You try so hard and give it all you got,
As I watch with admiration.
I guess the part I love most in you is:
You're yourself and glad of it.
You love sailing among the clouds and
Being — "Absolutely Free."

Tammy Griffin

## You By Eric Null

You were a friend when I needed one,
Without you I don't know what I'd have done.
You gave me something that was missing in me,
Something only you could see.

You were there when I was all alone,
When there was no one to call my own.
You brighten each and every day,
Not only with a smile but with everything you say.

You change my cloudy, gray skies to blue,
And without you, I wouldn't know what to do.

## Rainbows

By
Cindy Esquivel

Once in a great moon, I see a
  Rainbow way above the clouds,
A sight so beautiful, the colors
  So expanding and loud.

Legends have said that a glance,
  Somewhere over the rainbow,
Leaves one in a thinking trance.
  That continues to grow and grow.

It leads me to believe that I
  See a rainbow,
Not only after it rains,
  But always.

Somewhere in the powder blue sky,
  It's in my mind.
Why do I keep thinking this concept?
  It's turning my brain insane!

Well I could have other hang ups
  To make a habit of,
But I'll be content watching
  The bright band of colors in my head.

Artwork by Kitty Koshka

## The Sea

By
Allyson Jones

Rushing in with a
  Wonderous roar,
It slowly rolls out,
  Leaving a sandy floor.

The wading birds
  Watch it come and go,
Measuring their life on
  It's ebb and flow.

It's mysterious to me.
What is it?

The sea!

## Nature's Beauty

By
Paula Wilson

Her face is the sun,
  Glowing with beauty.
And her eyes are the sea,
  Deep with emotion.
Her lips are the trees,
  Whispering against the air.
And her hair is the wind,
  Blowing against the horizon.
Her hands are the flowers,
  Gracefully lying in her lap.
And her feet are the grass,
  Nestling against the earth.

## Frog

By
Greg DeArmond

Small and scared he breaks from his shell,
He is tiny and slimy he looks like a snail.

The tail he has will soon look odd,
When large legs start to protrude from his bod.

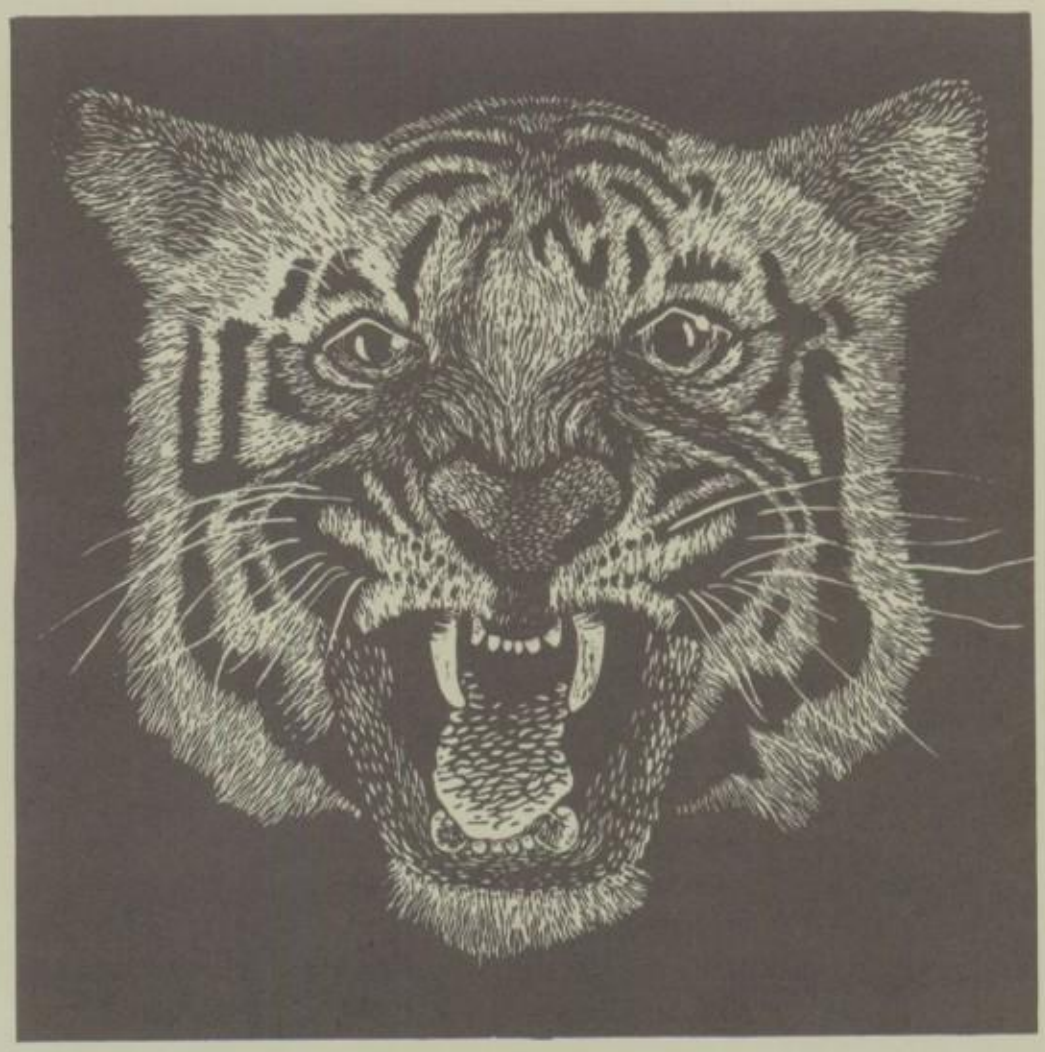
His skin is now soft and green,
While the eyes on his head make him look mean.

To small young boys, he is your pal or bud,
And usually you dig him up out of the mud.

He is not a wart or a bump on a log,
No sir at this time he is a full-grown frog.

## Destiny By Jeannie Totherow

I walk in the pathway,
never seen or heard.
The trees covering my being,
The wind my silent cry.
The pathway
having no beginning or end,
Choose my soul to drift endlessly,
And mine alone.
This my pathway,
having many open and closed doors.
The open ones my hope for
a better tomorrow,
The closed ones my fate,
my final destiny.



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## Sharks By Paul Carnell

Big, Ugly
Long, Slender, Mean
Huge, Teeth, Biting, Hard
Chasing, Eating, Fish
Swims Away
Fool

Artwork by Robert Lannen

## Monkeys By Paul Carnell

Small, Funny
Swinging, Jumping, Climbing
Eating, Smiling, Laughing
Cute, Furry
Monkeys

## Famous Final Words By Tammy Griffin

"That's it! I don't want to see another animal in this house again! If that "thing" is not gone in a week, I'll take it upon myself to put it in a bag of rocks and dump it in the river!"

Ah yes, how often have I heard his "famous final words" whenever I or one of my siblings dared to bring a stray feline home in hopes to shelter it in our dwelling. He could also be heard muttering similar words after one of the family pets had died. The constant wailing, sniffing and mourning was enough to drive him mad. (Sometimes he would actually climb the walls.) Yet, beneath his grave expressions and cruel severe words, was a real animal lover.

A week was all that was necessary for a "furry purr" to snuggle its way into Father's heart. When I was younger, his harsh uncaring words intimidated me, but as time passed, he was no longer taken seriously by any of us. We left the brute to the animal, who was usually better at convincing him than we were (I say usually because I can recall one feline who insisted on using the carpet for a little box and the dinner table for a cat nap — behavior that could not be tolerated!)

After two days, Father could be seen with it on his lap. Of course, he brushed it away when he saw the sparkles in our eyes and started grumbling about how he wanted it out.

In another day or two, he could be found actually playing with it and chuckling to himself. By this time, his complaining had ceased and everyone could relax. Progress was definitely being made.

By the week's end, the kitten would have Father totally manipulated and life would be bearable again. No one reminded him of his "famous final words." We continued as if he'd never said them, and welcomed the new addition. As for Dad, he had a new best friend and kitty got a flea collar.

# Today Is Yesterday

By
Tom Dyer

I am standing on a hill overlooking Shiloh National Park. Beneath, all is quiet except the rushing of the Tennessee River and the passing of cars on the highway. As night approaches, I decide to rest under a tree before continuing on to my house beyond the hill. Just as I began to fall asleep, I saw, or thought I saw, things from the past. I no longer see the cars on the highway, instead there are hundreds of campfires dotting the blackness below. I hear the patter of hoofs, the laughter of men and the music of banjoes strumming "Dixie" through the spring air.

I jump to my feet in bewilderment, understanding this is not the place or time in which I had stood but a faint moment ago. I search the darkness for a familiar light or sound.

The sun began to rise over the hill and illuminate the field. I see nothing is the same. There are no highways, no houses, no monuments honoring the men who died on this field in 1862. There is nothing but vast emptiness.

When I look at the wilderness from the past, I see familiar sights. The small church that looks less weathered and used, the small pond with light reflecting from its crystal waters, and the mighty Tennessee River, its rushing torents sweeping and twisting beneath my perch.

At that moment I see on the shore men, not ten or a hundred, but thousands and thousands of men clad in blue, weaving in and out of the tree line. They stand in groups and in great numbers. They stand by campfires and by horses. A mighty force prepared to meet an unseen enemy.

As I again begin to probe the field I see another legion at the west end of the field, not clad in blue, but instead in gray. They are scattered like sand or a great green rug. These new soldiers I see before me are Confederates, brave men from the South preparing to fight one of the bloodiest battles of the ensuing war.

They know not of the bloodshed of the battlefields of tomorrow, only of the moments of today. They gather around cracking fires under columns of gray smoke, which lifts the scent of freshly cooked bacon across the countryside.

Suddenly, a trumpet blasts out like the shriek of a mighty bird of prey. It calls the men to form in lines for battle, the gray at one end, the blue at the other. They begin to move forward, their footsteps like thunder in the morning air. A shot is fired and I am suddenly awake. Awake to the sound of my mother calling in the distance.

Below all is the same now, the rows of tombstones, the honoring monuments and the passing of cars on the nearby highway.

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Steve Martin

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unrelenting.
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no dissenting.

## The Pony Express

By
Jason Cash

The men, the men of the Pony Express,
They rode all night from east to west.
They tried so hard to deliver our letters,
And the people had said, "the sooner, the better!"
They rode over hills and valleys low,
Always waiting for that fatal blow.
Sometimes they lived and sometimes they died,
But you have to give them credit, cause at least they tried.

## What Will Become of Us?

By
Thomas Hardy

No more morals, no more values,
Cold machines to do the worrying, building,
  ordering, thinking.
Man has lost his way.
The computers leads him now,
  controls him,
  commands him.
No more love, no more hate,
No more emotions, no one to laugh with.
The end is coming near.
When man makes a computer that can
  laugh, hate, care, even love . . .
Then man will be obsolete.
Take a good look around.
How much longer can it be?
  No one who laughs.
  No one who cares.
  No one who cries.
Just the ones that stare.

## I Hear the Sound

By John Prickett

Once again I hear the sound,
Of battered feet as they pound;
Upon the bones of conquered foe,
Without the slightest weep of woe.
Faceless warriors attack at will,
Brain-washed fools, taught to kill;
And to the rear their leader sits.
Watching men digging pits
To put the new found dead men in.
I hear the sound, once again.

## Ending

By Stacey Manuel

If you feel
Your love is not for me,
What must I do beside
Let you be?

## Brian

By Barbara Mueller

Thanks to your love for me,
I see things now so differently.
I do hope you'll always stay,
I can't think of things being any other way.
I hope your future plans include me,
Because then my life would be lived happily.
All I want to ever do,
Is spend the rest of my life with you,
I pray someday this will come true.

## Why Did You Leave Me, Darrell?

By Beth Gurnham

I looked at you with tears in my eyes,
I should have known; it's no surprise.
We used to be close, more than hand in hand;
I still don't know what happened, help me understand!
It's hard to forget how close we once were,
And remember the fact you've chosen her.
I go down to the dock for an hour or two
And gather my thoughts and think about you.
I know the love that we once shared was true,
Because every time I see you I fall in love a new,
I fought back many, many tears,
Not to mention all my fears.
My life will never be the same;
Tell me now; is love a game?
There's just one more thing I have to say,
Before we go our separate way,
The dreams I dreamed will still remain,
And this is for sure, I'll never forget your name!

Mary Hribar

## How Can I Let You Know?

By Tammy Saucier

Once you were a dream,
How very long ago that does seem.
Once I knew you only from afar,
Yet I'd often sit and wonder how you are.
Once I didn't even know your name,
But I was captivated by you, just the same.
Once I vowed someday we would meet,
And now as I'm standing next to you,
My heart skipped a beat.

How can I let you know?
Just how much I want our friendship to grow
How can I tell you — ohh?
Just how much I care for you.
How can I let you know?

Now I try to pretend,
That I only think of you as a friend.
Now I only wish I could be sure,
Your feelings for me, were much more.
Now I can only sit and wait,
How I hope, it's not too late
Now, a question does arise,
How can I let you know I see you,
Through different eyes.

How can I let you know?
Just how much I want our friendship to grow
How can I tell you — ohh?
Just how much I care for you.
How can I let you know?

## You Will Never Know

By Cathy Kubesh

You will never know
my thoughts of you,
But they are present
in my smile
when I am alone.
They are present
when I give no explanation
for my high spirits,
Or for my absence of mind
when I stare,
deep in thought . . .
of you.
You will never know
how much your smile,
your laughter
your kind words
Mean to me . . .
and I will never tell . . .
Because the feelings I have for you,
inside of me,
Are ones that must not escape,
and you will never realize,
For you will never know.

## Alpha (The Beginning)

By Pamela Kohn

I once walked down a scarey road
With nothing but a dream.
A dream to find a warm person to turn to,
A shoulder to cry on, a soft person to hug.

All these qualities and so much more
I have found in you.
You'll never know just how special
You are to me.
You always have a smile that could
Stop even the clouds from crying.

I was afraid to trust anyone again
But you've changed my life around.
You make everything seem so beautiful.

We only appreciate the miracle of a sunrise
If we have waited in the darkness.
I couldn't love you more than I do now.
You are very beautiful to me,
And I love you.

Christine Schaaf

## The Way It Is Supposed to be Said

By Gerald Christian

This is the way it is supposed to be said,
Love is good in so many ways.
It can dim the sun in some men's eyes,
Or put a bright light where the sun doesn't shine.
Love is mistress for all mankind.
If you want it for the good,
Share it all the time.

## The Heart

By
Paula Wilson

The moon calls to a blue heart.
The trees bow to the ground.
Shadows dance in the night.
A lonely heart cries for company.

The sun rises, and the heart dances
In coppery fields.
The daisies smell of love,
And the grass is sweet to running feet.

The sky dims, and all can hear
The night sounds.
The heart yearns for a hand to hold,
Another heart to love.

## Time Will Tell

By Allyson Jones

It passes,
A day,
A week,
A year

It passes me by
With sudden fear.
Not of tomorrow, but
Of future year.

I watch it behind me
And all around me.
One day, naturally,
It will continue without me.

What will I do?
Where will I go?
Well of course,
Time will tell!

## When

By
Marie Kapcin

When the leaves fall
From the trees,
When winter comes.
That's when we will be
Together again.
Our love will help us through
The cold days and nights,
And all our problems will disappear
In a cloud of smoke.
And we agree it will last forever.
Then the grass turns green.
When summer comes,
That's when it will end.

## The Missing Piece

By Joe Fortini

Before you,
I was only half a person,
An unfinished puzzle.

Then suddenly, you came along
And became the missing piece,
At least I was whole.
Fulfilled, alive and in love
But then you left me.
A part of me went with you,
Inside, I was once again lost.

Now, though too late, I realize
You never really fit,
I just shoved you in
For what I thought I wanted
And to fill up the empty space.

The missing piece,
I found within myself.
There is still yet
Another piece astray.
I will find that piece someday,
And when I do,
I'll know its the right one.

I love you for helping me find
The right piece
I needed to fulfill myself,
For the time being anyway.
I love you and I thank you.

## A Place for You and I

By Mary Hribar

This place is like a garden,
It's quite hard to describe;
It's like a mystery island.
A place for you and I.

Time that never passes
Or never slips away;
We'll dance a million dances
Until the break of day.

We'd sit by the stream
By the water fall,
And wait to see the stars
When darkness falls

If we were there
What would you say,
In this land of time
Far, Far away.

The quiet waves of the ocean,
The seagulls in the sky,
Time that's never ending,
There we both will fly.

This place will always be there,
Always in my mind.
Never, ever fading
This place for you and I.

## My Lucky Charm

By Paula Wilson

My lucky charm follows me wherever I go,
Through triumphs and sorrows
Till the todays and tomorrows.

My lucky charm gives me comfort and joy,
Through the bad days and good,
Just like he told me he would.

My lucky charm guides my ways,
And points me to the right path,
From dark and misleading wraths.

I love my lucky charm, he is my support,
And he's going to lead me,
To his heavenly fort.

## My Dream

By Eric Null

Could I be dreaming,
Are you really with me,
Are you really here by my side?
I know I'm beaming,
Cause our love is flowing gently
Like the tide.

I'm so happy with you here,
Cause your love is so sincere.
I dream of you every night,
I think of you every day,
Wishing you would hold me tight,
And hear the words I long to say.

Artwork by Kitty Koshko

# Swamp Terror

By Jay Weast

It was late in the evening, deep in the swamp on a lone deserted road. Headlights of a car could be seen dimly through the thickets of Spanish Moss dangling from the trees.

The moon was full but the trees blocked out almost all the light that was shed down upon them. As the car neared, the road emerged; it was nearly covered with leaves, but patches of damp moss were visible as the car lights reflected off them.

Suddenly the bang of a tire blowing shattered the silence, and the car came to a jolting halt. A young lady got out of the car. She was extremely pretty with light brown hair and blue eyes which sparkled in the car lights. She was about five feet six inches tall, wearing a long white evening gown with lacing around the neck.

She hurried around the car and saw that the right rear tire was flat. Then she opened the trunk to get the jack and remove the spare tire. As she lifted the trunk she heard the crackling of a twig behind her. Turning quickly she peered into the brush. She saw nothing and so dismissed the sound.

Reaching into the trunk, she removed the spare tire from its cradle. As she set it down she heard the rustle of leaves. She jumped back startled and listened again. Hearing nothing more she continued to remove the tire iron. Nervousness began to show on her face as she moved toward her flat tire. She sensed there was someone or something in the woods watching her.

Feverishly she removed the tire bolts and listened for additional sounds, occasionally checking the brush for any movement. Then she heard definite movement in the brush, closer to her, but still couldn't determine what was making the noise. The sound was coming nearer all the time. She hurriedly put on the spare and tightened the bolts. Quickly she threw the flat tire and tools into the trunk and slammed the lid. The leaves rustled again and then branches broke as a large body burst through the trees.

The girl screamed as a large deer ran past the front of her car. Quickly she jumped into the car and locked the doors, feeling safe at last. Realizing it had been only a deer and she had nothing to fear, she continued on her way relieved the ordeal in the swamp was over and she would soon be home.

If she had been less intent on getting home perhaps she would have looked in the rearview mirror and realized the man behind her was putting a knife to her throat.

All that is left now is the car and a white dress, splattered red, with tattered lace around the neck.

# Why Do Children Cry?

By Robin Hess

As I sit through wonderous hours, watching time go by,
I wonder quietly to myself, "Why do children cry?"

I see the pictures in my mind, but can't fit pieces in.
Is it all just a worn out story, told all over again?

I feel the pain sinking in, but don't know what to do.
Why do all the children cry? You know, it's up to you.

As the story goes on, it sends a message through.
Everyone, please listen up, this story is for you.

And now the time is wearing on, and still no one knows why.
The pieces now will seem to fit, but still the children cry.

# The Lonely Clown

By Cassie Kohn

Smiling and full of laughter,
  No tears to share.
Happiness on the outside,
  Fear on the inside.
Brushing away the problems,
  That won't be dealt with.
Look beyond the smile,
  There is a different part.
Not wanting to be sympathized,
  Feelings are tucked deep away.
Building higher walls,
  Resentment growing inside.
They see the smile, they laugh,
  But they don't notice the pain.
Underneath the makeup,
  I'm the lonely clown.

Jeannine Jaschob

## Imagine It

By
Lynn Truskey

Imagine it . . .
Meticulous, deliberate,
Carefully calculated,
Explicit;
The perfect crime.
Quiet stealthing,
Deadly accuracy, every time.
Ever seeking,
The perfect criminal.
Treasure trove,
Exquisite, immortal;
The perfect target.
Found at last,
Sweet rapture, I'll finally get . . .

My hand in Momma's cookie jar!

Each time you smile
You will find it is true,
Somebody, somewhere,
Will smile back at you.

By Mary Hughes

Today is another day.
I sit here and long for tomorrow,
Tomorrow came and drifted away.
Oh, how I long for yesterday.

By Christine Radhuber

## Artist

By
Jeanee Totherow

Beauty,
buried deep within the painting.
Done by the silent one, the artist.
His very soul is painted,
for he cannot express his true being.
As he quietly paints every stroke
with delicacy.
He teaches us kindness of the human heart.
Through his art he brings to life,
the past, present, future,
all for the world to experience.
Tis not all talent,
perfection, my dear friend, comes from patient praactice!
Let us try to understand his words,
for the artist is as unique as the morning star.

## The Test

By Christine Radhuber

You take the boring notes all week,
Not giving them much mind.
The only thing you worry about is,
The test which will come in due time.

It is the night before the unveiling,
The countdown to the pen,
You sit at home trying to study,
But have a conversation with a friend.

You know you should be conscience
Of the information in your book.
But for some reason or another,
Party information was all that took.

So now you sit in the front row,
Directly in front of the teacher.
You feel her eyes burn into your skin,
As you try to read your sneaker.

You feel your muscles tighten,
Your face lines up in a frown,
Two minutes before the time is up,
And you just put number one down.

You feel a sinking feeling,
As she picks up the test.
You managed to answer just five of ten,
All you can hope for is the best.

Now your mind starts to panic,
What are you going to do?
Your average was already shakey,
And now you know your through

You know you better break the news,
But what will your Mom say.
You'll probably be indefinitely grounded,
On the horrid report card day.

So you think of foreign service
Or even moving to the East coast.
Or paying off the teacher,
But that's a dream, at most.

Next time a test comes your way,
You're going to have to think twice.
Either burn a little energy now,
Or later, sit on ice.

## Knights

By Glenn Nesta

Once a knight,
Always a knight,
A knight will never change.
Through day, through night,
Through peace, through war
A knight will stay the same.
So keep your head high,
Shoot for the sky,
And in your dreams,
You'll always fly.

## Good-bye Class of '83

By Suzanne Gordon

It's time to say good-bye,
To the only life we've known;
To leave our high school, look to the future
And start off on our own.

It's time to lead our own lives now,
To conquer what we may.
We'll change the world to suit us,
As we travel along our way.

It's time to say good-bye,
To the friends we have always had.
To wish them luck on their road,
And remember the good times, not the bad.

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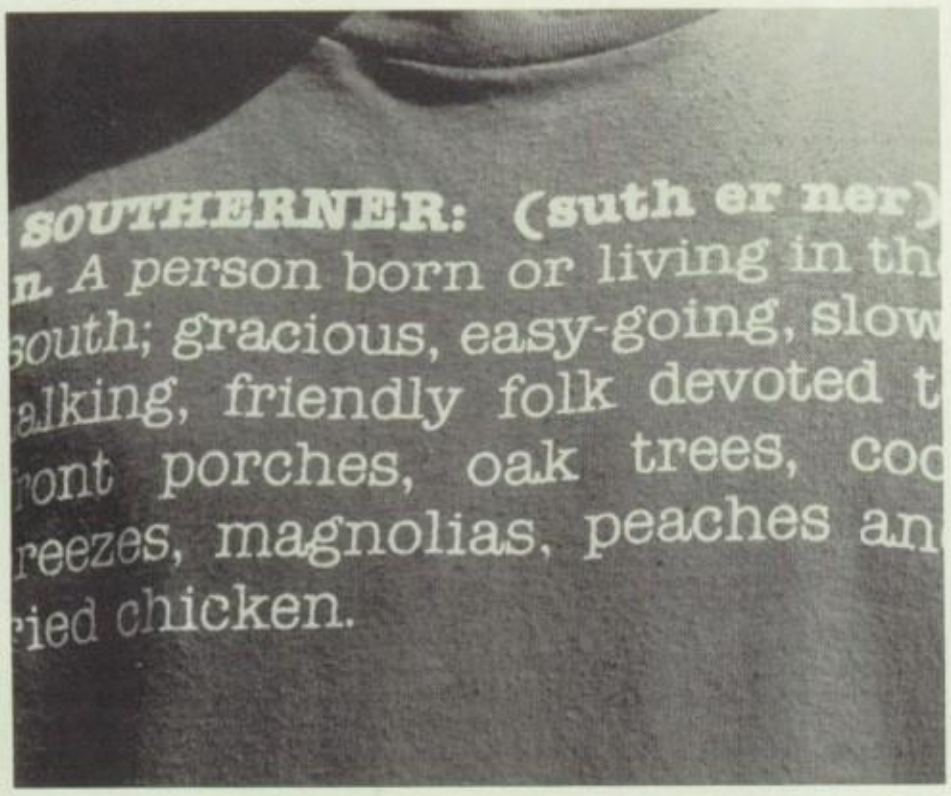
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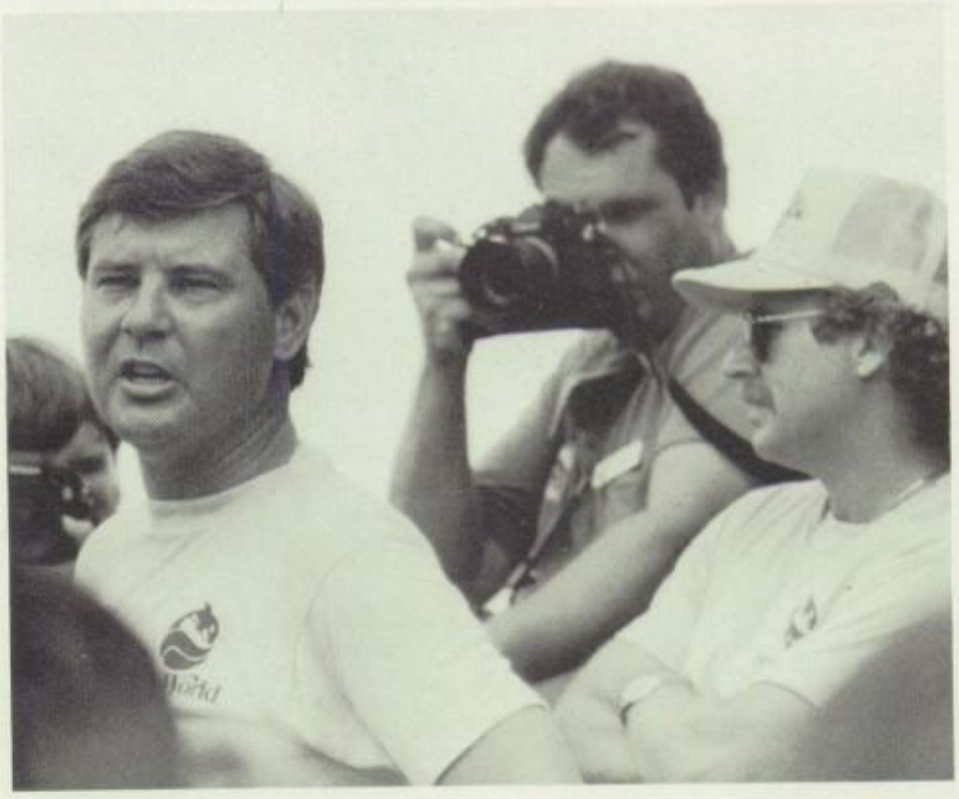

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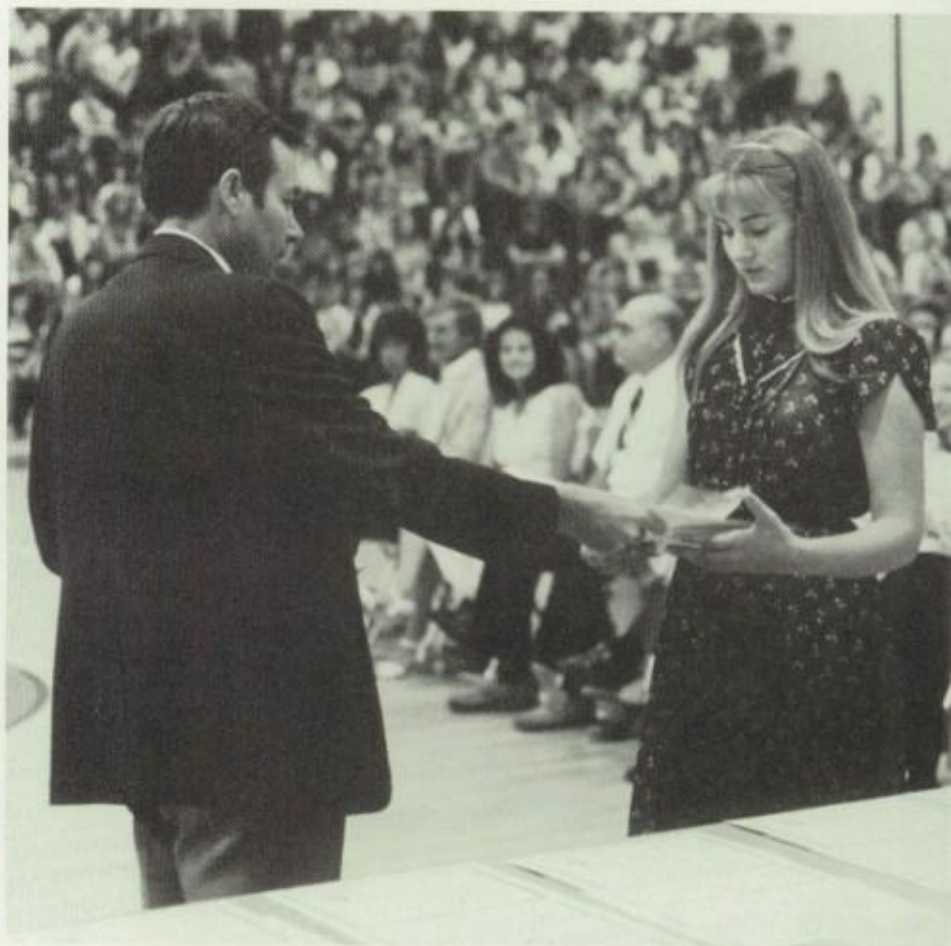

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**The Class of '83 donned in their red and white graduation robes and mortar boards readied themselves for their commencement ceremony at the Lee Civic Center on May 27.**

**Opps . . . LANCE made a mistake and left one of our favorite teachers out of the faculty section. Sorry Mr. B.J., (Robert Bjurstrom) We love you!**

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The Class of 1983 said their final farewell by showing everyone who was #1 at North Fort Myers High.

# Closing

Another vintage year at North Fort Myers High School has drawn to a close. It has been a year of learning and discovery. It has been a year of growth and maturing.

No longer do bewildered freshmen rush madly around campus, gullibly buying library passes from upperclassmen or searching for a nonexistent room. They have matured, settled, learned our ways, and become valued members of the Red Knight family. Our worldly seniors, are now ready to leave the carefree days of youth behind and embark on various paths to their individual destinies. As they march across the stage of the Lee Civic Center and receive their diplomas, they and we are reluctant to break the bonds that have kept us united the past year.

North High revels in the traditions that have been established over the past twenty-two years. Our reputation as a football power in Southwest Florida was reaffirmed this year as our Mighty Red Knights returned the Lee County Championship to the north side of the river. The Annual Homecoming celebration lasted a week and was highlighted by Field Day, the return of Powder Puff football, a tremendous parade, the crowning of our '82 Queen and King, and our semi-formal dance.

Along with the old and established routines and practices came the new and the different. We watched with interest the development of the Joey Cross Memorial Baseball Field behind the Science building and eagerly awaited the umpire's call of "play ball" on this new facility. Knights willingly spent hours during January and February filling out 3"x5" pieces of paper with the words "North High, Mr. Stickles, 97 Rock, The Magic is in Our Music" to prove to all radio listeners that North High was the school with the most spirit . . . we knew **"We Loved Our School"** and wanted the rest of Lee County to know of our pride.

Life at North High during 1982-83 combined the old with the new, the traditional with the innovative. Throughout the year her people radiated an authentic sparkle, because they were the purpose, the inspiration, the reality. They were and are the **Sterling Knights** of North Fort Myers.

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# Treasury of Traditions

Over the past twenty-two years, since North High opened her doors to her first students, a treasury of traditions have been accumulated. From the familiar puddle jumping on rainy days to the selling of spirit ribbons during football season, the people changed, but the activities stayed the same.

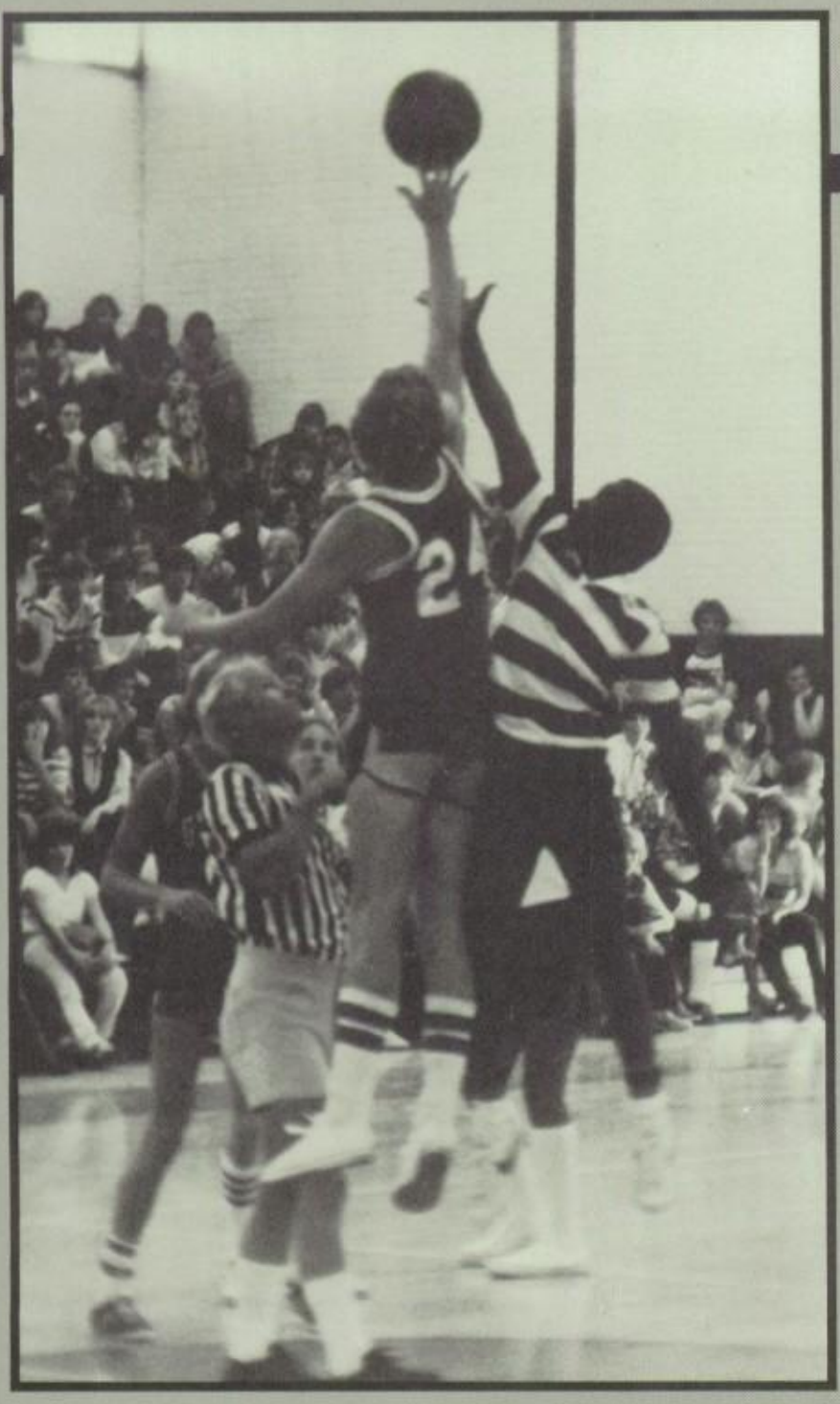
Our Red Knight may have taken an updated modern appearance a few years ago, but he has been our symbol for almost a quarter of a century. The shades of our colors may have differed slightly from year to year in uniforms and other apparel, but they have remained by custom basically red, white, and black.

Many North faculty members have kept tradition "alive and well" by staying around and making sure the "new" was seasoned by the "tried and true." During their many years as Red Knights, Athletic Director Ron Hoover, Activities Director Bobby Dewey, and Choral Director Pruella Niver have indeed created a world of tradition in the fine athletic programs, activity scheduling, and musical traditions they have developed.

Athletic power has long been identified with "Big Red Country." Through the years we have sent our finest young men and women onto the athletic fields to represent us. Our cafeteria walls contain photographic proof of the quality of their ability as they applied the knowledge and skill they acquired while at North to the college or professional level.

Commencement was perhaps the most cherished tradition for all Red Knights. Fearing the inclement spring weather the school board changed the ceremony location from our football field to the Lee Civic Center in 1979, but the black-robed, colorfully hooded faculty members leading the graduates to the familiar strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" remained the same. A ceremony for seniors and their family and friends presented by the seniors was unique to North High and one that had acquired great meaning through the years.

To grow and develop Knights needed to draw from the familiar and the customary as they experimented and moved into the future. It was important to take the best from our school's past and present and mix it with the innovative and challenging. It was what made the year 1983 exciting and us, the **Sterling Knights.**



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**1** — North's Red Knights have traditionally been referred to as "Red Necks." Sharlene Whidden, John Drawdy, Billy McDaniel, Eddie Lopez, and Mike Brown, show their pride in this "descriptive title" during Homecoming festivities. **2** — "Red Knight power" has been simultaneously exchanged through the years with "Red Knight football." **3** — The "dog days of summer" have signified "summer band practice" over the years. Toting the drums can be sweaty, but Billy Atkins, John French, and Darrell Davis seemed to enjoy the work. **4** — Soaring skyward to control the jump ball during the Annual Faculty-Student Basketball game were faculty member Steve Conley and Junior David Sims. Referee Ted Ferreira stands ready to enforce the rules of the game. **5** — When North High opened her doors to students 22 years ago, Phil Woodard and Wayles Kimpland were members of the faculty. They have remained faithful Red Knights and enjoy reminiscing about the "good old days" as they look through some of the first LANCE books.

# A New Look

Even though traditions were deemed important at North High, there was always a place for the new and innovative. This year a great deal of zeal and effort went into the new programs and activities that occupied our daily lives on campus.

In late January and early February, North students became obsessed with the 97 Rock "Be True to Your School Contest." Everywhere one looked Red Knights were busy filling out pieces of paper with the required data before the 5 p.m. deadline on February 4. The news came early Monday, February 7, North students had submitted 348,812 entries, capturing the first trophy and the distinction of being the high school with the most spirit. This entire school victory gave us tremendous pride and an Irkenbrant concert, while Principal Ed Stickles received a "night-on-the-town."

Approaching holidays took on a special shine during 1982-83. Each one was treated with a special fervor as students sent each other greetings via flowers, candy, a singing wire or special cards. Halloween costumes and masks, Kris Kringle hats and Jingle bells, red hearts, and shamrocks, all appeared as their specific "special days" neared.

The North pep rallies during football season took on a new color, "money green." A random drawing, conducted by Principal Ed Stickles at each pep rally made three students and one faculty member each $5.00 richer. Turnout at these events improved as each Knight hoped to increase their week-end pocket money.

One of the major campus development priorities this past year was the new baseball field. This project drew contributions and support from the entire Red Knight family and community as it was erected as a tribute to Joey Cross, Varsity Baseball player who died in 1982. Under the loving care and guidance of Head Baseball Coach Ted Ferreira the field blossomed and was ready for the dedication on the opening day of the 1983 regular baseball season, February 22.

North needed the new with the old; it needed the unprecented along with the traditional. Red Knights wanted a challenge to create; to become better by attempting the untried, by inventing new and different diversions to add variation and spice to their regular routines. It was what made the year so very special and added the shine and luster to the **Sterling Knights.**

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**1** — The newest addition to the Red Knights' Band, the Rifle Corps, showed off during the '82 Homecoming Parade. **2** — During the first annual running of the "Jingle Bell Run," Ralph Black received the 1st place male student trophy. **3** — Money-give-aways at football pep rallies became a popular event among both students and staff. Coach Frank Drake was a lucky winner of five dollars, awarded by Principal Ed Stickles. **4** — Adorned with jingle bells, tinsel wreaths, and Kris Kringle hats to help spread Christmas cheer during their first year at North High were Tammy Rayner, Bev Griffith, and Debbie Spencer. **5** — Returning varsity baseball letterman go through pre-game exercises on the outfield of the new Joey Cross Memorial Field.

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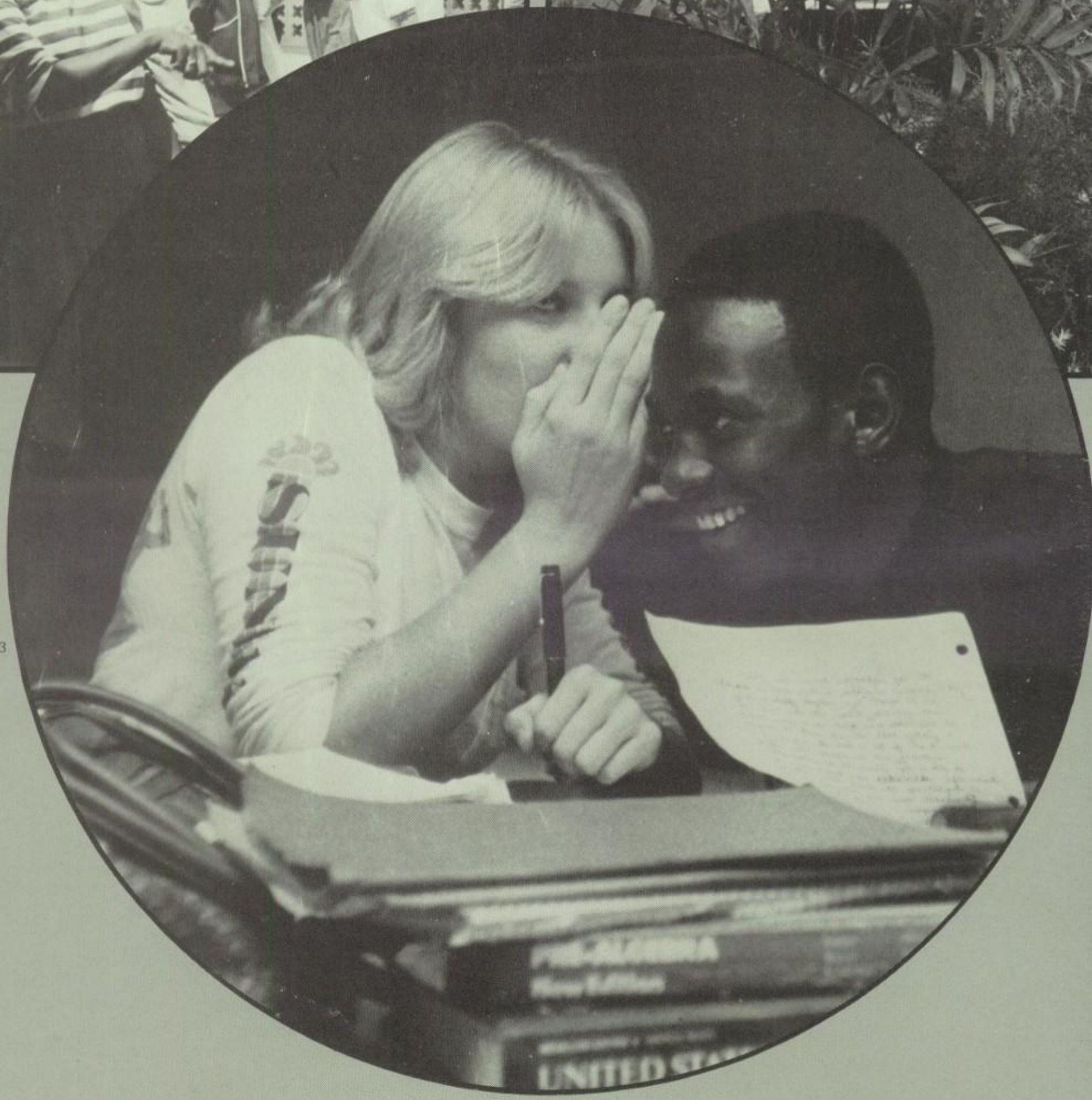

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the best in your golf
playing.

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**1** — Friends Carethrea Pinkney and Kurt Rice enjoyed an occurrance down the hall after pointing it out to each other. **2** — Everyone needs a friend but they also need a little time alone to learn about themselves and where they want to go in life. Jo Carter neglects her books for a little daydreaming. **3** — "Friendship knows no color." Allyson Jones and John Gibbons became friends during Yearbook this year and shared a lot of conversation, and even a few secrets. **4** — Michelle Kittle, Jody Saucier and Kim Richards sauntered off the bus, more interested in conversation than rushing to their homerooms. **5** — During the 6 minute break between classes Toni Griffin can't easily get away from Jim Hepp, much to the amusement of Paul Macdonald, Joel Corbin, and Jim Holland.

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# More Than Knowledge

North Fort Myers High School wasn't made of just bricks and mortar. It was comprised of people, not only the students, but the faculty, staff, and administration. We were a family; a Red Knight family, that for over six hours a day, 180 days a year, learned, laughed, and lived together in the classrooms, offices, and on the campus of North High.

Interacting with others is one of the most important aspects of life. It takes more than just mathematic ability, the art of proper English usage, and knowledge of history or science, for people to survive in the community and the world. They must be able to communicate with and understand everyone they came in contact with on a day-by-day or even occasional basis.

Upon visiting the "Home of the Big Red," one was instantly aware of a spirit of friendliness and comradeship. Everyone seemed to take time to really listen and care about what their classmates, students, teachers, coworkers, or administrators, had to say.

Friendships at North often blossomed in usual ways and among very different individuals. As students played on teams together, work on projects side by side, and studied collectively. They found they had many more things in common than they had differences. Descriptive classifications of Red Necks, Black, Socials, Jocks, Brains, Valley Girls, and Punk Rockers disappeared as one discovered classmates as individuals and as Red Knights.

North's students also discovered their instructors were not alienated adults but caring, concerned mentors who extended the hand of comaradery. Amiable relationships begun on campus transcended its boundaries and the years as evidenced by returning alumni.

With all the activities, the busy academic schedules, and meetings and greetings, individuals needed time to be alone, to think things out, to get to know themselves. North High's open hallway campus, numerous benches, and garden areas invited the harried teenagers to pause, relax, and just contemplate their present and their future. Solitary moments were essential when one faced educational, career, or social alternatives.

Growth during a student's four years in high school was more than outward appearance and acquired skill and knowledge. It was also inner growth; the gaining of maturity, the development of responsibility, the power of decision making, the attainment of the ability to give and to accept love, and the realization of the innerself. As the **STERLING KNIGHTS** we knew the importance of the qualities we derived from membership in the North High family and we are proud of the growth we obtained.

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Calvin,

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Lisa Allen

Calvin,
Sex on the golf course next year
Luck and keep practicing. Good luck
Still one
Good luck
See you next year.

Your friend,
Dina
Berry

Calvin,

You have always been a great friend. Have a great summer and I hope to see you next year.

David Whidden

Calvin, Good luck in future
much success
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Tiffany

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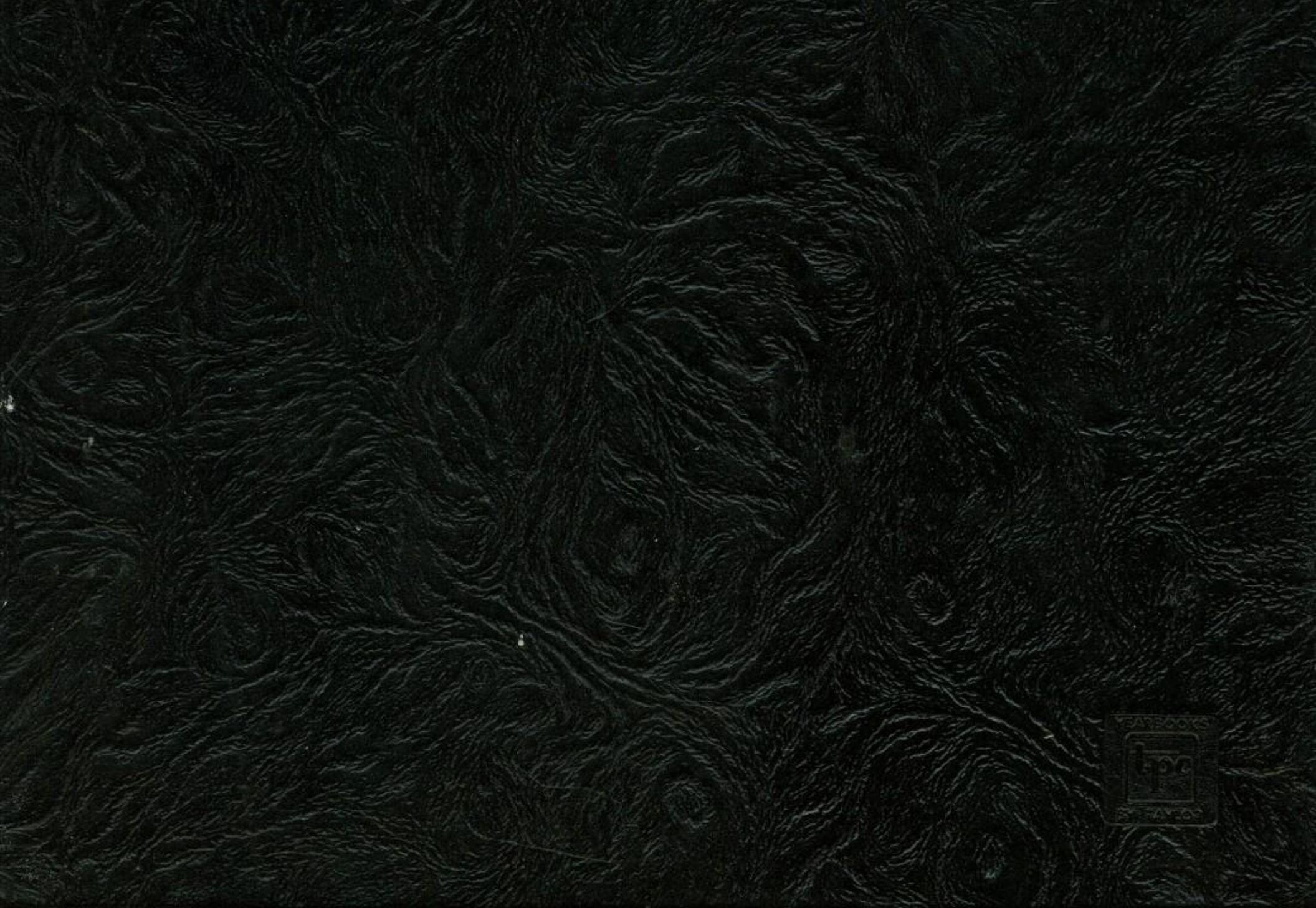
Calvin
You are a character! I will never forget you I think I will try to come back for your graduation 3 yrs from now + haunt you (Take Care)
Mya Cuevas

Calvin,
Of all the people I've met this year you are definently one of the most interesting and confusing. I'm glad we got to be friends this year. maybe next year we can have english together again.
Best of luck in everything. Behave yourself.
Love,
Catherine

Hey CALVIN—
TO SWEET
GUY. GOTTA ADMIT
YOU'RE PRETTY CRAZY TOO.
HAVE A TOTALLY AWESOME
SUMMER & MEET LOTS OF GIRLS.
See YA NEXT YEAR. TAKE CARE
LUV,
CHRIS

Calvin,
You're a real neat sweet guy who at times can be a pain. Hope we can become better friends in the years to come. (Maybe you will become as good a golfer as your dad (Ha, Ha) next year.
Have fun!
See ya
Love
"La" Antoinette
Class of 86"

Calvin
Pu'est-ce que je veux te dire? Tu es si
vivant, sympathique, très drôle—
et Parfois tu changes comme ça—
Reste toujours comme ça—
ne change rien—
Bonne chance—Mme. Benkhatou
toujours—

Calvin,
You are a real neat guy, and I'm glad I met you this year. You are super funny, and have a wild imagination! Don't ever change, stay the way you are, to be ya next year. Best of luck in everything you do.
Friends forever,
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